Political Update

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chairman

The fight for the reduction in petroleum use in SB 350 shows that having a Democrat in office does not mean that we have an environmentalist in office. It is clear that we cannot rely on the support of Assembly members, Brown in AD47, Rodriguez in AD52 and Medina in AD61. As we start to get into high gear for the 2016 election, we need to find viable candidates who are environment friendly to replace them. The search is on and there are signs of possible success on the horizon.

Perhaps the better news is that we have three extremely viable, environmentally conscious Democrats challenging incumbents in three districts that have never been “green.” Abigail Medina is running in AD40, Greg Rodriguez in AD42, and Sabrina Cervantes in AD60. While we are months away from making endorsements, it’s possible that we could move our endorsement process earlier in the year for a number of these races and make a real effort to get volunteers involved in working on some of these campaigns.

We have an exciting campaign season ahead and I hope we can get more involvement from our members in competitive races. Don’t forget, we also need to hold onto Congressional seats that will have strong challenges. Takano, Torres, Aguilar and Ruiz can expect early endorsements, based on their records and we can afford to lose those hard won seats. In 2016, we could truly see the Inland Empire and the San Gorgonio Chapter turn green. Expect some emails and phone calls asking you to get involved. With your help, we can make a difference for the environment.

New Desert Monuments in Chapter!

By Joan Taylor, Chapter Conservation, Desert Issues Chair

Feinstein seeks for Presidential Designation of Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains as National Monuments

As you may have heard, there is something really “monumental” happening in Chapter, and you can help! Diane Feinstein has long championed desert protection, but her recent proposed legislation (California Desert Conservation & Recreation Act) has been wallowing in a regressive Congress. As a result, Senator Feinstein recently asked President Obama to take action to designate three new National Monuments in the California desert, all of them within San Gorgonio Chapter! Starting with Teddy Roosevelt, Presidents on both sides of the aisle have used the Antiquities Act to protect important and imperiled special places, assuring they will be intact and accessible to the public for this and all future generations. The desert areas for which Senator Feinstein has requested monument designation most certainly merit such protection.

Truly Remarkable Desert Landscapes

“Mojave Trails” National Monument would encompass a million acres of iconic desert in private donations were raised and supplemented with federal Land & Water Conservation Funds procured with Senator Feinstein’s help. The newly acquired lands were then given to BLM to manage as conservation lands, but subsequently BLM turned around and auctioned applications for wind farms and solar farms on the very land that was acquired for precisely this purpose. If built, these massive man-made installations would have precluded all public use and enjoyment.

Senator Feinstein swiftly stepped in to propose National Monument status for this imperiled area to protect its rich and irreplaceable biological, scenic, cultural and historic resources, including many sacred Native American trails and the most intact stretch of historic Route 66—made famous in Steinbeck’s “The Grapes of Wrath.” The time has finally come for this iconic land to get the recognition and protection from industrialization that it richly deserves.

“Sand to Snow” is an appropriate moniker for the second National Monument proposal. This new national monument would extend from the hot sands of the San Gorgonio Pass all the way up to the peak of the mountain itself at 11,380 feet, embracing an area of amazing diversity. Within Sand to Snow lie two year-round desert streams, the greatest...
Our speaker at the November 3rd chapter meeting is Brian Elliott. Brian’s presentation is titled Caribou, Birds, and Bears: Canoeing the Utukok and Kokolik Rivers of the western north slope of Alaska. Sierra Club member Brian, along with three friends, canoed these two rivers that flow north on Alaska’s North Slope above the Arctic Circle. Brian has given us talks on several of his other Alaskan adventures over the years. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. It’s just east of the California I-15 exit from Interstate 10 on the north frontage road.

Brian and his friends canoed for ten days in 2014 on the Kokolik River. They returned this past summer to canoe nine days on the Utukok River, just east of the Kokolik River. He and his friends were then air shuttled back to the Kokolik where they fished for 15 days, this time all the way to the Kokolik’s River’s mouth at the small Inuit village of Pt. Lay, a subsistence village of 190 people at the Chukchi Sea’s coast.

The rivers flow through some of the most remote wilderness in North America and are renowned for viewing of the western Arctic caribou herd migration. Brian and his friends saw thousands of caribou along with much other wildlife. Each river is primarily located within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, an area of national interest by the Sierra Club and other environmental groups who are trying to preserve its great wilderness and wildlife. Brian will share his photos of his trip and advocate for the region’s protection.
CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS
DEADLINE: Items for the January/February Calendar are due by December 1, 2015. FORMAT: items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.

OUTINGS: Send outings write-ups to your-group or section Outings Chair.
MEETINGS & other events: Send electronically to Ladd.Seekins@ch.sieragreens@gmail.com -

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS
All Outings listed are Leader-Led, Sierra Club 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 unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should call the LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.

WHAT TO BRING
Many outings are equipped 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: 1) map, 2) compass, 3) flashlight, 4) knife, 5) windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case, 6) fire starter, 7) first aid kit, 8) extra food & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing (including rainwear), & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE
Most outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests require a Forest Service permit for each vehicle (Adventure Pass). They are indicated by ** in the schedule. America the Beautiful Interagency Passes may be used in lieu of Adventure Pass.

CARPOOLING POLICY
In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements & assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage & their vehicles should have no safety defects. Drivers of carpools agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. Five cents per mile per person for short trips is suggested while three cents per mile per person over 100 miles is usually reasonable.

LIABILITY WAIVER
In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign the following liability waiver:

Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, & Release of Liability

I understand that during my participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards & risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Outing & cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, & death ("Injuries & Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel & the Sierra Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries & Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, or other third parties, as a result of negligence or for other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries & Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Sierra Club Outings & I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person & for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this Outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries & Damages to which I may be exposed.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, & the services & amenities to be provided by the Sierra Club in connection with the Outing, I confirm my understanding that:

1. I have read & agree to the Outing made available to me & will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.
2. The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences & leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.
3. If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.

This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

The fullest & broadest interpretation of the law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this travel. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing.

Note: If the participant is a minor, the minor's guardian must sign on the minor's behalf.

CALENDAR OF OUTINGS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER EVENTS

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 2015
The outings calendar is on the Internet at http://sangorgoniosierrclub.org

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 Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 6, Apr 5, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7 INFO: DAVE BARRE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 204 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@mn.com 760-442-4103 - BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST THU) 6:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Odd-numbered months only (Jun, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@ael.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

(2ND 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, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

(2ND 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 Rader/ghost.) Enter on Rader/ghost side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquin@stueber.com MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 36060 Paua Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2234 sierrclubbsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(3RD 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 Serranowebpage for detailed program information: sangorgoniosierrclub.org/groups/los_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@ael.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierrclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 4071 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@mn.com 760-442-4103 - BIG BEAR GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmanann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & 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, (915) 369-5117. - CHAPTER

MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store. address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92380. Light post location is 158. Contact me by the evening air, river breeze, sounds, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing & good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731. - MOJAVE GROUP

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(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)
**OCT 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM    ZANJA PEAK**

This will be a moderate to difficult hike with 1100’ elevation gain. Good views from the top with a portion of trail through Yucaipa Regional Park. BRING: water, a snack, sunscreen, and wear sturdy shoes. MEET: from Interstate 10 exit north/east on Yucaipa Pkwy. Drive 2.9 miles, then veer left on Oak Glen Rd in 1.0 mile, turn left into the trailhead parking area opposite Shadow Hills Dr. (by the soccer park). Rain Cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. - MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**OCT 26 – NOVEMBER 1**

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

**OCT 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM    SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 1049 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379

**OCT 31 (SAT) 7:30 AM   DEEP CREEK, NORTHERN SECTION**

Hike to Deep Creek Falls, northern San Bernadino Mts. This out and back hike explores the Hesperia water ditch and the pipeline which was built in 1886. There is historical commentary regarding this amazing feat of engineering. There is only slight elevation gain but those taking part should be prepared to cross the Mojave River. BRING: plenty of water, snacks, strong shoes and a camera. LEADER: Norman Bossmo 760-912-6202 or email bigbear00000@yahoo.com for further details.

**NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 8**

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

**NOV 2 (MON) 6:00 PM    SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

Alpine Conference Room 27256 Blue Jay Mall on Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

**NOV 3 (TUE) 7:30 PM    SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**

MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com, (909) 800-3911

**NOV 4 (WED) 6:30 PM    BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com 760-642-4103.

**NOV 3 (TUE) 7:30 AM    SUNSET PEAK**

This will be a moderate 7 mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 feet) with a 1300 feet elevation gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak! Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snacks, sunscreen, hat, & layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. CONTACT: Kathy Vo to confirm and directions to trailhead (909) 486-1575 from Upland. This is a provisional hike for leader-in-training, Kathy Vo, supervised by John St Clair. Contact Kathy Vo at 909-346-9653 or kvlos@asb62@gmail.com

**LOS SERRANOS GROUP**
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Below are group photos of the two groups, plus breathtaking photos of the Minaret's, (11,056') before descending over 2,000' into Tuolumne Meadows 8,700'. Island Lake. On the first trip in July, we continued north and hiked over Donohue Pass Meadows and visited Olaine Lake, Shadow Lake, Lake Ediza, Garnet Lake and Thousand of eleven backpackers participated. Under both backpacking trips we started at Agnew Wilderness. In July, ten backpackers participated. At the end of August, a second group Two trips were taken to the Mammoth Lakes area backpacking into the Ansel Adams Summer Backpacking Trips to the High Sierras New Hike Leaders in 2015
In June 2015, six new Big Bear Group Sierra Club individuals attended the Leadership and Red Cross Certification training in the Butler Mountain Retreat for two days of training and map and compass exercises. Each successfully completed the training and is in the process of completing their in-field certification by each leading two hikes under the supervision of a previously certified hike leader.
Please join these capable individuals in future hikes. Below are photos of five of the six new hike leaders:

Summertime Backpacking Trips to the High Sierras

Two trips were taken to the Mammoth Lakes area backpacking into the Ansel Adams Wilderness. In July, ten backpackers participated. At the end of August, a second group of eleven backpackers participated. Under both backcountry trips we started at Agnew Meadows and visited Okaine Lake, Shadow Lake, Lake Ediza, Garnet Lake and Thousand Island Lake. On the first trip in July, we continued north and hiked over Donohue Pass (11,056') before descending over 2,000' into Taolumble Meadows 8,700'.

Below are group photos of the two groups, plus breathtaking photos of the Minaret’s, Mount Ritter (13,143’) and Banner Peak (12,936’) and two of the Lakes that we visited:

Ahh... The Minarets!

Ritter and Banner Peaks at Garnet Lake

Photo of Eugene DeMine (not available)

Completed Ballots are to be returned:
The Sierra Club Big Bear Group, P.O. Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
The open board position is for the years 2016 - 2017. If elected, the above individuals will serve for two consecutive years. The board position and responsibilities as an active board member will be determined at our first meeting in January 2016.
2015 CONSERVATION IN REVIEW By: Ed Wallace, Conservation Chair

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ots of good things happened in the Big Bear conservation arena in 2015. The Big Bear Group participated in the development of a master plan for the Runthun Creek Corridor project. This project when completed will culminate in a multi-use trail from the National Forest in Sand Canyon to the Lake. It will also result in improved riparian habitats along the creek.
The Group was active in the continued development of the Pebble Plains Wildlands Park which is situated between Moonridge and Sugarloaf. When completed, this park will help conserve one of the last pristine pebble plains in the Big Bear Valley. One of the important uses of the park will be to function as an outdoor science lab for the students in the Big Bear School System. As Group Conservation Chair, I have conducted presentations on the formation of the pebble plains and their unique plant life for the sixth grade sciences classes at Baldwin Lane Elementary School and the biology class at Big Bear High School. In addition to the presentations, the students have taken field trips to the Sawmill Pebble Plain where they participated in an outdoor curriculum developed by the Big Bear Valley Education Trust.
The wetlands along route 18 where the old outdoor movie theater and real estate office are located, along with the land on the lake side of route 18, has been purchased by the San Bernardino Land Trust with funds from both the federal and state Departments of Fish and Wildlife. This purchase will protect for all times the wetland habitat contained on these properties and the endangered and rare plant species that they call home. The old real estate building will be turned into an outdoor nature center for the students in the Big Bear Valley school system. This will take considerable effort and money which will be the future challenge to those groups that become involved.

Mojave Group By Susan Stueber, Group Chair

The Mojave Group is gearing up for their Fall, Winter, and Spring hiking opportunities in the Juniper Flats area. Juniper Flats is a popular place for our Hike Leaders to take people. As you may recall the BLM in Barstow has an OHMV Restoration Grant for Juniper Flats. Zack Pratt the Recreation Planner has been working at organizing volunteers to work in three main categories: Education, Restoration and Volunteers/Events. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Susan Stueber at Phone: 760-900-5330 or Email: susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com

I would also like to give a huge thank you to Norman Bossom for leading hikes for the Mojave Group through the months of July and August.
It is time to cast your vote for the two positions vacant on the Mojave Groups Executive Committee. Please fill out and cut out the ballot below and mail it to:
Susan Stueber, 17100 Bear Valley Road Suite B #227 Victorville, CA 92395-5852
Ballots must be received by November 23. You can also vote at the Mojave Group November 11th meeting.
You may vote for two: Check
Bill Stueber (Member at Large).................................................................
Carol Wiley (Vice Chair).................................................................
Other:
Write in ..................................................................................................

Note: Write ins must be members of the Sierra Club Mojave Group.
Still no date on when the Second Ballot (Joint Member) vote will occur.

Club by supporting its goals as a new member of the Los Serranos executive committee. My training in June of 2012. I look forward to sharing my enthusiasm I have for the Sierra Club in 2007. I was no stranger to the Club's ideals or activities and had many friends who thought I would make a good outings leader. I took their suggestion and completed Sierras activities as a member of the Los Serranos Excom.

I currently am on the board as chair and I wish to continue planning and promoting Los Serranos as a member of the Los Serranos Excom.

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**Mountains Group**

By Dave Barrie, Group Chair

Not sure if you are a Mountains Group member? Except for a few special cases, you are a Mountains Group member if you are in the following ZIP code areas: 92317, 92321, 92322, 92325, 92326, 92341, 92352, 92378, 92382, 92385, and 92391.

**Mountains Group Ballot**

(please vote for 3 or fewer)

- Dave Barrie
- Chris Del Ross-Risher
- Debby McAllister

**Los Serranos Group**

By Brian Elliot, Group Chair

Brian Elliot: I am a long time Sierra Club member and outings leader. I am a retired high school science teacher and taught Advanced Placement Environmental Science. I strongly support Sierra Club activism and the Los Serranos Group’s programs and outings. I currently am on the board as chair and I wish to continue planning and promoting Los Serranos as a member of the Los Serranos Excom.

Sue Brown: I, Sue Brown, am a lifetime Sierra Club member and have been active in the Los Serranos group for over 5 years. I have served as Outing chair person and Programs chair. I wish to continue to serve the group on the executive committee. Your vote will be appreciated. Thank you.

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**Moreno Valley Group**

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Valley Group will have a “Hike to the M Hike” on Wednesday, November 4, 4:30 p.m. Find complete information at: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/node3 Rain cancels. For more information call Christina Torres at (951) 318-7503 or e-mail her at cmt.teck@gmail.com

Moreno Valley Group ExCom Ballot: The Moreno Valley Group fall newsletter will have a ballot for our group excom elections. Please take time to vote and make a donation to support the Moreno Valley Group’s work. Thank you!

**2016 Sierra Club Calendars**

If you’re looking for a holiday gift for family and friends, the calendars make wonderful gifts. Please e-mail us at movvalleygroup@yahoo.com if you would like to buy some calendars.

Since the 3-2 council vote for the 40 million sq ft World Logistics Center (WLC) warehouse project, the city of Moreno Valley has been sued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, County of Riverside, and Riverside County Transportation Commission. On September 22 the Sierra Club joined Riverside County’s General Plan Update (GPU) Final EIR with their responses to letters. It also has the General Plan Update (GPU): A County Board of Supervisors’ public hearing on the GPU is scheduled for November 3, 2015, though the date may be subject to change. The following link should give you the Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU) Final EIR with their responses to letters. It also has theerra (corrected errors) to the Climate Action Plan and GPU, http://planning.rctlma.org/ZoningInformation/GeneralPlan/GeneralPlanAmendmentNo0960EIRNo521CAPFebruary2015.aspx. Please contact Kristi Lovelady, KLOVELAD@rctlma.org, tel: (951) 955-0781 to verify the date of the hearing(s).

The Villages of Lakeview—Revised: Still no date on when the Riverside County will release the reworked, revised, recirculated Environmental Impact Report. Contact Riverside County Planner Matt Straite at MSTRAITE@rctlma.org or (951) 955-8631 for more information.

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board: Next hike is on Saturday, October 24, 7:30 a.m. Hike to Box Springs M Trail, (DIFFICULT, 4.8 mi round trip); meet in the parking lot on the west side of the Canyon Springs High School campus, 23100 Cougar Canyon Drive, Moreno Valley. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703 and http://www.moval.org/resident_services/park_rec/trails/hikes-2015.pdf to see the complete list of hikes.

**Sierra Club 2016 Calendars**

Sierra Club 2016 Wilderness Wall Calendar

Spiral bound, month-by-month format, featuring 12 majestic North American landscapes.

Sierra Club 2016 Engagement Calendar

Week-by-week format, featuring 57 spectacular photographs and “wire-o” binding.

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Please vote for no more than four candidates, and mail in your vote by December 31, 2015, to POB 4094, Palm Springs, CA 92263. Please also sign your name on the outside of the envelope. Thanks!

**Tahquitz Group’s Excom Election**

By Joan Taylor

Please vote for no more than four candidates, and mail in your vote by December 31, 2015, to POB 4094, Palm Springs, CA 92263. Please also sign your name on the outside of the envelope.

Thanks!

- Eric Baecht
- Kim Floyd
- Jono Hildner
- Al Mundy

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NOVEMBER 23 – NOVEMBER 29
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly recroosuimg Outings & Activities)

NOV 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM SANS GORRONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governing meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruzmaryanz@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379

NOV 26-29 (THU-SUN) BASIN & RANGE THANKSGIVING TOUR
Tour our newest national monument in southern Nevada. Comprising 700,000 acres, Basin and Range National Monument highlights the basin and range topography with Great Basin dry dusty valleys and rocky, wooded ridges. Archaeological sites and the modern City landscape-scale construction by artist Mike Heizer are preserved here for posterity. We’ll tour the area mostly by vehicle, with some hiking. Expect primitive camping sites with no water or toilets. CONTACT: David von Seggern, Chair, Touraye Chapter, vonseggern@earthlink.net, 951-755-303-8461.

TOUYAGE CHAPTER

DECEMBER 3 – NOVEMBER 30
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

DEC 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MOUNTAIN MEN ORANGE TRAIL MEETING
See program from page note. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 600 S. Orange Trail, Redlands. CONTACT: Ext 1-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com, (909) 800-3911

DEC 2 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Meeting the place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com 760-442-4103

**DEC 3 (THU) 9:00 AM CHANTY FLAT HIKE
This will be a moderately strenuous 10-mile loop hike from Chanty Flat, through Sturtvant Falls, Spruce Grove & Hoegees Campgrounds, returning via Upper Winter Creek Trail. This is a very challenging trail following a steep climb, the elevation gain is 1800 feet. Rain cancels. Bring: sturdy boots, water, lunch & snacks, sunscreen, hat, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at trailhead. CONTACT Kathy Via to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland at 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 5 (SAT) 7:30 AM LOST PALMS OASIS TRAIL JTNPARK HIKE
The largest grove of California fan palms in all of Joshua Tree National Park lies at the end of this very nice, but dry, 4-mile trail – each way, making 8 miles total – past expose rocks, across washes, and through chuckwalla habitat. Once arriving at the trail-end, a steep descent takes you down to the shade under the palms at the bottom of a ravine. The area is designated for day use only to protect the plants. Bring: Plenty of water, a snack and wear strong shoes/boots. MEET: Take I-10 to Spotlight 29 Casino, Dillon Road off ramp, and look for the TA Travel Center gas station sign. Meet in the parking lot under the TA Travel sign. We will carpool to the Cottonwood entrance of the Park since the parking area is not very large. There’s an entrance fee ($15) unless you are a Park Pass holder. The road is paved with BRING: Plenty of water, and a snack/hike. Bring a hot temperature hiking in the sun, sun protection (umbrella, sun hat, sunscreen, protective clothing), lunch, snacks, possibly a warm, personal layer (first aids supplies, trekking poles, and camera. MEET: December in the low desert can be warm or cold, so please check the forecast prior to the date. RAIN OR SNOW CANCELS. RESERVATIONS: Email Hike Leader LJI Foster at elfayej@verizon.net (best) or leave a message (name, contact number at) (951) 845-9484. Since the number of hikers will be limited, be sure to cancel if you cannot make it so someone else can take your place.

BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 5 (SAT) 8:00 AM BIG BEAR PCT MEETING
This hike begins at the same Onyx summit trail head as the November 7th hike. We will head south instead of north to, of all things in the forest, a movie set animals compound. We may get lucky and see a number of animals including lions, tigers and bears not currently on stage. RATING: Moderate with 8 feet elevation gain. It is a seven mile in and out hike. BRING: The ten essentials including a good pair of hiking boots, trekking poles, snack/lunch, layered clothing, sunglasses, sun block and two liters of water. MEET: Vons parking lot at 8 AM. We will carpool to Onyx summit. Those coming up 8 from Redlands may meet us at the trail head at 8:30 AM. CONTACT: Peter Michelsen at petermichelsen@gmail.com to reserve.

BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 5 (SAT) 8:00 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN HIKE
This moderate five mile round trip includes a walk through the lovely Juniper Flats area of the San Bernardino Mountains. There will be a walk on Round Mountain, which is short but has a 300’ elevation gain. The views from the top are quite spectacular. BRING: Water, a snack and wear strong shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley at 8am. LEADER: Norman Bosson 760-912-3725, coffeornitchocolate@comcast.net.

MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 6 (SUN) 1:00 PM S B MTS KELLER HUT GATHERING
You are invited to join us for our annual holiday celebration at Keller Hut. You may arrive any time after 1 PM on Saturday. We provide turkey and dressing for dinner, plus tea and coffee. Please BRING a suitable potluck dish to serve six, and cold beverages, plus a “white elephant” gift to exchange. You are welcome to stay overnight, and join us for a communal breakfast, followed by a hike on Sunday AM. Overseer: DWYERBarrie 909-337-0123. CALL for information, and to notify him if you plan to attend.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

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DEC 8 (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, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

DEC 8 (TUE) 7:20 AM  THE GROTTOES HIKE  The Grottoes are two slot canyons nestled in the colorful Mecca Hills. They were filled with giant boulders to form a remarkable cave system. It is a good idea to bring a headlamp. The distance of the hike is a 7-mile semi-loop and 1500 ft. gain. Call leader for additional information and carpooling. Joe Whyte 909-949-0899.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 9 (WED) 7:00 PM  MOJAVE GROUP  MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 2-liters of water, snacks, camera and hiking poles, wear sturdy hiking shoes. Don’t forget your camera and binoculars! MEET: 8:30 am at Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: CAROL STUFFLEFIELD, yorkshirerose1@juno.com 760-964-0039 or JENNY WILDER, Jensoasis@aol.com 760-720-0730.

BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 10 (THU) 4:30 PM  HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4.5 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and the wooded arroyo. We start promptly at 5:30 p.m. Bring flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina (951) 358-7503 or cmnt.teck@gmail.com.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DEC 10 (THU) 6:00 PM  SANTA MARGARITA GROUP  MEETING  Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Puma Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 <sierclubsmg@gmail.com>

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

DEC 11-12 (FRI-SAT) 9:00 AM  EAST MOJAVE  CAR CAMP/HIKE
This two day car camping and hiking trip will explore the geology and ecology of a few of the special highlights of the East Mojave Preserve. We will hike along a lava flow and up to the summit of a cindercone, explore a lava tube and across pinyon/juniper habitat to the top of the Kelso Dunes. We will dry camp in the open desert. Rain MAY cancel. Email trip leader for more detailed trip information including recommended camping supplies. MEET: 9:00 AM Friday, Dec 11 RESERVATIONS and INFORMATION: contact Brian Elliott, trip leader, for additional trip information, to confirm your participation and for directions to the Friday morning meeting place. Carpooling is suggested. CONTACT Brian Elliott at 909-241-8036 or b10elliott@gmail.com or briannelli@aol.com

MOUNTAINS GROUP/NCAT

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM  SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM  BIRD WALK  MEET: at Sierra Club Office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside 92901. Leader: BILL EBLING (909) 660-3388 (x1910). Bill will guide you to the birds. Distance: 3 mi. RT. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional).

BIG BEAR GROUP

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 12 (SAT) 8:30 AM  PAINTED CANYON/LADDER CANYON LOOP HIKE  THIS is a MUST Hike! The Painted Canyon and Ladder Canyon Loop are located in the northeast corner of the Coachella Valley within the Mecca Hills. This hike cuts through twisted and exotic Painted Canyon and the hiker uses a series of ladders to climb the Painted Canyon area. This is a 5.0 mile hike taking 4 to 5 hours to complete the loop. RATING: easy/moderate. MEET: Take I-10 to Spot Light 29 Casino, Dillon Road off ramp and look for TA Travel Center gas station signage. Meet in parking lot under the TA Travel sign. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2-liters of water, lunch/snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. Hikers should wear long pants or 2-in-1 pants. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM  AROUND HISTORIC BOWEN RANCH HIKE Join us for an interesting hike exploring parts the Juniper Flats Area near Bowen Ranch. This is a hidden, local area treasure, enjoy the magnificent views of San Bernardino Mountains above Deep Creek. We will be using some quiet dirt roads, single track trails and a little cross country hiking with small climbs. Trailhead is off Juniper Flats Road near Bowen Ranch. Bowen Ranch Road is county maintained, but the short section on Juniper Flats Road is not maintained and can be rough, but not steep. High clearance vehicle is recommended. RATED: Moderate 6-7 mile round trip hike. BRING: layered clothing, 3 liters of water, snacks, camera and hiking poles, wear sturdy hiking shoes. Don’t forget your camera and binoculars! MEET: 8:30 am at Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: CAROL STUFFLEFIELD, yorkshirerose1@juno.com 760-964-0039 or JENNY WILDER, Jensoasis@aol.com 760-720-0730.

BIG BEAR GROUP

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP  MEETING  Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Desert Lily Restaurant, 17738 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: sunglasses, and hat. MEET: at Sierra Club Office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside Ca 92501; be sure and mark envelope “advertising.”

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 16 (FRI) 9:00 AM  SIB MSMT, GREEN VALLEY LAKE  SNOWSHOE OR HIKE  We will snowshoe or hike depending on the weather. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains, so come and join me for a day of fun. No prior snowshoe experience is necessary--it is difficult to learn--just another form of hiking. You need to provide your own equipment. MEET: across from the post office and general store in Green Valley Lake at 9 AM. WEAR layered clothing. BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. Leader: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7155, ssellis67@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. If no snow, we will hike.

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DEC 19 (SAT) 7:30 AM  LOST HORSE MINE LOOP HIKE  This hike takes you past the abandoned stamp mill of the Lost Horse Mine about 2 miles from the parking area, then climbs a small ridge for some really great views of Joshua Tree National Park, including Pleasant Valley and volcanic Malapai Hill. From there, we’ll descend past a few smaller claims, up another ridge, and across pinyon/juniper habitat which leads to a fairly flat wash lined with Joshua trees and nelina. This is an 8.4 mile loop hike so we’ll end where we park without backtracking. RATING: Moderate due to rough trail sections. MEET: 8:00 am at Green Valley Lake Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection, sunglasses, and trekking poles. Rain or snow cancels. RESERVATIONS: Email Hike Leader, L.J. Foster eljay@verizon.net or call and leave a message at (951) 854-9440. BIG BEAR GROUP

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DEC 19 (SAT) 8:00 AM  WEST FORK OF THE MOJAVE RIVER HIKE This easy six mile round trip takes you along the historic west fork of the Mojave River. This Headwaters: 909-867-7155, ssellis67@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. If no snow, we will hike.

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DEC 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM  SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM  BIRD WALK  Monthly meeting except for July & August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Desert Lily Restaurant, 17738 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: sunglasses, and hat. MEET: at Sierra Club Office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside Ca 92501; be sure and mark envelope “advertising.”

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DEC 25 (WED) 9:00 AM  SIB MSMT, GREEN VALLEY LAKE  SNOWSHOE OR HIKE  We will snowshoe or hike depending on the weather. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains, so come and join me for a day of fun. No prior snowshoe experience is necessary--it is difficult to learn--just another form of hiking. You need to provide your own equipment. MEET: across from the post office and general store in Green Valley Lake at 9 AM. WEAR layered clothing. BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. Leader: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7155, ssellis67@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. If no snow, we will hike.

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area has an abundance of large trees and a variety of shrubs and wildlife. There will be a short commentary relating to the history of the area. The natural beauty of this area is not to be missed. BRING: Water, a snack and wear strong shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum at 8:00 am. LEADER: Norman Bosson 760-912-3725, contactnomabosson111@msn.com

MOJAVE GROUP

DECE 20 (SUN) 8:00 AM  GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE

This is a peaks of Big Bear hike, Those achieving all five peaks will be awarded a commemorative patch. This hike starts at the intersection of the PCT and Holcomb Valley Rd. Warm up on the gentle and gradual ascent on the PCT and then be prepared for the relatively strenuous access road route that completes the hike to the peak. See abandoned mining operations and hear some history of gold prospecting here. Take in views of the valley, lake, Sugarloaf and the high desert. RATING: Moderate with 1,300 feet elevation gain. This is a seven mile in and out hike. BRING: Ten essentials including layered clothing, a good pair of hiking boots, trekking poles, sunglass, sun block, snack, lunch, hat and two liters of water. MEET: Vons parking lot at 8 AM. We will car pool to the trail head. Those coming up the back way on 18 can meet us at the trail head at 8:30 at Holcomb Valley rd. LEADER: Contact hike leader Peter Michelsen at petermichelsen@gmail.com to reserve.

BIG BEAR GROUP

DECEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 31

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DECE 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM

Meeting Governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO:MARTY CIUZIU NU RUIZU@GMAIL.COM, (909) 815-9379

DECE 23 (WED) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com 760-442-4103

BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 5 (TUE) 7:30 PM  SAN GORGONIO 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 SEEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3919

JAN 6 (WED) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM

MEETING

JAN 7 (THU)  LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM

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

Lawsuit Targets Sprawling Southern California Mega-warehouse Project

40 Million Square-foot Logistics Center Will Add 14,000 Truck Trips Per Day, Worsen Pollution, Harm Wildlife

M O R E N O V A L L E Y, Calif. – Environmental justice and conservation groups sued the Southern California city of Moreno Valley today over its approval of the World Logistics Center, a sprawling 40-million-square-foot warehouse project that would add 14,000 truck trips to town every day, worsen already poor air quality and harm birds and other wildlife in the nearby San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

The lawsuit follows the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Riverside County Transportation Commission and Riverside County’s decision to file lawsuits challenging the warehouse project because of the increase in air pollution and traffic problems it will bring to the region.

“To bring this much additional traffic without any mitigation to an area with some of the worst air pollution is criminal,” said Penny Newman, executive director of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice. “Thousands of studies have demonstrated that air pollution harms people, especially children. Asthma, heart disease, asthma and other respiratory diseases, including lung cancer and even low birth weight and birth defects are linked to air pollution, yet this plan has no mitigation measures in place to address these preventable impacts.”

The warehouse project was approved by the city in August 2015. Today’s lawsuit in Riverside County Superior Court challenges Moreno Valley’s failure to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act when reviewing the proposed project and its substantial impacts on nearby communities and wildlife. Despite recognizing that the project’s significant contributions to worsening air quality, increased traffic congestion and climate change, the city required only meager steps to reduce those harms.

About the size of 700 football fields, the World Logistics Center is expected to generate 400,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually and have more than 14,000 truck trips to the site every day. Those trucks would be transporting goods more than 80 miles from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to Moreno Valley, often on two-lane roads that are already congested.

“SR-60, its overpasses, Gilman Springs Road as well as roads within Moreno Valley will become even more clogged and dangerous by the World Logistic Center’s more than 14,000 daily toxic diesel truck trips and 50,000 cars,” said George Hague, conservation chair of Sierra Club’s Moreno Valley Group. “They are not even willing to agree in writing that they will pay their fair share of improvements to these roads as requested several times by the City.”

Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by November 24, 2015, at noon.

Mail to: Sierra Club, Santa Margarita Group 31915 San Jacinto Road, Ste. 200-133 Temecula, CA 92591

Remember to print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope so ballots can be verified. If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, be sure to print name and address and sign for each ballot.

Santa Margarita Group, Executive committee

(please vote for 4 or fewer)

Teri Biancardi-Wagner
Elena Garcia
Pam Nelson
Laurie Webster

For biographical information on these candidates, please visit our web site: www.sierraclubsmg.org and/or www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup

Our group is busy planning several events on the new Murrieta Creek Trail, one of which will be an Evening Earth Day walk. Following our award for our work on this new 16 mile stretch from the California Trails and Greenways conference last year, our President Pam Nelson is now working to help set up this year’s event in Riverside on April 6-8, 2016.

Our environmental science teacher workshop met for a great day at Vail Lake, in which participants had an opportunity to explore the riparian area and share curriculum ideas, while hearing about local mountain biking projects and from Temecula’s Councillor Matt Rahn about the City’s ongoing efforts to become a more walkable and ride-able city.

Vail Lake is of real interest to our group. Having recently been acquired by the Rancho California Water District, we are following carefully their plans for a new resort at the site.

Now that it’s finally beginning to cool, our hiking leaders are planning some great walks, so we’re looking forward to getting on our boots and getting out of doors.

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OCTOBER 2015
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The legislature meets in Sacramento, the capital of California, and is in session for about 180 days each year. During that time, members of the legislature introduce legislation, debate it, and vote on it. The process of legislation can be complex and involves many steps, including committee hearings, floor debates, and votes.

One of the key issues facing the California legislature in recent years has been the state's ongoing budget crisis. In order to address this issue, the legislature has implemented a number of measures, including taxes on sales, gasoline, and personal income.

In addition to the budget crisis, the legislature has also faced challenges related to the state's water supply and the effects of climate change on the state's environment. These issues have led to a number of bills and legislation being introduced in recent years, including bills related to water conservation, renewable energy, and climate change mitigation.

Overall, the California legislature plays a critical role in shaping the laws that affect the lives of Californians. The work of the legislature is ongoing, and members continue to introduce and debate new legislation in an effort to address the needs and concerns of the state's residents.
San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot

Voter Instructions
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PO Box 708, Blue Jay, CA 92317-0708

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Second Ballot (Joint Member)

Join us on December 1st for Chapter Meeting as we Tour the Civil War States... and Beyond.

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YES, I want to help safeguard our nation’s precious natural heritage. My check is enclosed.

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