The Los Serranos Group invites you to participate in Bill McKibben’s latest global movement to fight climate change on October 24, 2009. The event is registered on the movement’s website so check it out at www.350.org. However, the information you need is in the boxed area below.

A global climate movement to mobilize equitable solutions to the crisis, the current focus is on October 24th, International Day of Climate Action when people around the globe are participating in various activities. The Los Serranos Group is leading bike/walk in Rancho Cucamonga along the Rails-To-Trails pathway known as the Pacific Electric. The group has paved path for bikers alongside a dirt path for walkers. The trail is mostly flat with great views of the mountains, making for a fun outing. Also, one Los Serranos member worked hard through the years to establish that trail.

The October 24th date was set to deliver a strong message to the world's decision makers before December’s UN climate negotiations in Copenhagen. Like other folks around the world, we’ll submit a group photo taken next to the number 350. Why 350? That’s the number (in parts per million) which leading scientists say is the safe upper limit for carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Above that amount, they say we can’t have a planet “similar to the one on which civilization developed and to which life on earth adapted.”

About the Pacific Electric Trail

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Preserve The Future

The Pacific Crest Trail Association Offers Free Vacations...You do the work they do the rest

Trail Projects - What to bring?
For all trail projects, unless otherwise indicated, bring car/camp camping gear, heavy gloves, eye protection, sun protection (hat and sunscreen), brush protection (long sleeves & long pants), sturdy boots, daypack, flashlight, and water bottles. Warm clothes and rain gear are in order especially for spring and fall projects. Please let us know if you are coming so we can arrange food, equipment, and supervi-
sion, and to receive any last minute instructions. By all means come even if you can’t stay the entire time, and if you are available at times other than those listed let John know. We have lots of ongoing projects or new ones coming up all the time. Adven-
ture Pass – don’t forget to bring one if project is in a So. Cal Nat. Forest. If you don’t have one, let me know beforehand and leader will arrange for an admin pass.

What is involved?
Moderate to strenuous physical activity cutting brush with saws and loppers, pulling and disposing of cut brush out of sight, grubbing out root balls with a Pulaski, shaping tread with a McLeod, re-building rock walls, or repairing water bars to re-establish drainage control. Certified volunteers will be using chain and bread saws and other equipment. A hike in and out of several miles carry-
ing tools or personal camping gear may be required. Some projects in-
clude working with packhorses and mules. We assume you are experi-
enced in mountain travel, camping and wilderness hygiene. If you have questions about these sub-
jects or if you have health concerns be sure to bring them up with the leader prior to the trip. We ask all volunteers to fill out a form answering what we call ‘Twenty Questions’. This gives us an idea of your experience, special aptitude, physical limitations or con-
cerns, and emergency contact person. Everyone volunteer must sign up each day with the Crew Leader to be covered for Workout’s Compensation, and to make sure that no one gets left behind at the end of the day.

What does PCTA provide?
Don’t worry if you have not been out with us before. We provide food (unless indicated otherwise), water, tools, hard hats, orientations/instruction, supervision and a GREAT time.

1) September 18-24 (Fri.-Thur.)
Section “D”, North Fork, Angeles National Forest. Join the NWSA Americorp crew at the Northfork Sta-
tion to build three rock retaining walls which will stabilize the tread, trail south. The crew will also put in sev-
deral drainage features and do some minor tread repair. More information TBD. Please contact Suzanne Wilson (951-492-9836) or Jennifer Tripp (916-349-2109 x17) for more infor-
mation.

2) September 29—October 7
Section “C”, Mission Creek BLM Palm Springs Field Office. The NWSA Americorp crew will head into Mission Springs from the Stone House with packer support, about 5 miles into the backcountry. The crew will hike about 1 mile to work each day. They will be constructing rock retaining walls and drainage to repair flood damage from Oct 2008. Meet-
ing at the Stone House on 9/18, meet-
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Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben

The election for the Moreno Valley Group Executive Committee is coming up this fall. If there are issues that you are concerned about and you would like to run for the executive committee, please contact Theresa Carson at (951) 242-4752 by the end of September.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area is on the southern boundary of the city of Moreno Valley and provides widespread variety of recreational opportunities for local residents and visitors. One recent recreational opportunity for children was the Junior Ranger Day Camp which was held in early summer. Fifteen youngsters, ages 8 to 14, participated in the inaugural camp and it provided opportunities for nature study, archaeological “digging”, hiking, and an island adventure. District Archaeologist Larrynn Carver demonstrated what an archaeological site might look like using sandals and a pot covered with M & Ms, raisins, and sugar crystals. After the “archaeo lunch” the Junior Rangers got to try their hand at a mock dig site looking for clues to the area’s past. Another exciting event during the week was watching the Riverside County Search & Rescue dogs training at Lake Perris. The handlers demonstrated searching for lost people, and each junior ranger experienced being lost and found by the search and rescue dogs. The campers also got to experience touching and holding a gopher snake.

The week was filled with many experiences and all were within natural settings and done without gadgets. The program was funded with donations from the California Park Big’s program that the Lake Perris Interpretive Association and Wal-Mart. The experienced staff at Lake Perris did a phenomenal job of making the event happen. Lake Perris State Recreation Area is open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call (951) 940-5600 for more information. The Ya’i Heki’ Regional Indian Museum located at the recreation area is open Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call (951) 940-5656 for information about the museum. The LPSRA web page is http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651.

Theresa Carson has organized three hikes for the month of October. The first hike will be held at Hidden Springs on October 8, 5:00 p.m. Please check the group’s web page for more information on the fall hikes and to verify the start time and meeting place: http://sanganthropology.org/cluborg/morenovalleygroup.html.

F r i e n d s a t : n o r t h friends@yahoo.com if you would like more information.

The court date for the Sierra Club lawsuit against the city of Moreno Valley challenging their approval of the Highland Fairview Corporate Park project was scheduled for August 10. The Highland Fairview Corporate Park project would require a 1.8 million square foot warehouse building adjacent to the flood plain along Highway 60. Part of the project would house a Skechers distribution center, one that would distribute their products for the western United States and bring thousands of trucks to Highway 60 and increase the city’s air pollution. As we reported last time, the Sierra Club sued the city of Moreno Valley over their approval of the Highland Fairview Corporate Park because of the project’s health, safety and welfare effects on the city’s residents.

Call George Hague, Group Conservation Chair at (951) 924-0816, or e-mail the Moreno Valley Group at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com for more information.

Mountains Group

By Bob Sherman

The Mountains Group has started its election process. September 21st is the deadline to accept candidates for the Excom. For those not chosen, but interested in running in a future election, a petition process must be completed by Oct. 5th. Ballots will be mailed on Oct. 26th, if needed. Results will be announced in early December. The new Excom members two year terms will start January 1st. For further information on the election rules contact Sue Walker, chair of the Nominating Committee at (909) 337-1279.

It’s back… the Royal Rangers Adventure Camp Project in Twin Peaks is again posing environmental threats to our mountain community. The proposal to establish a year-round campground and conference center poses significant threats to our water supply, wildlife habitat, traffic, air quality and evacuation plans. Three years after initial consideration by the Board of Supervisors, the Royal Rangers (voluntary) Draft EIR has been released by the project proponents, the Assemblies of God. As the process stands as of the writing of this article, there is only a mere 45 days for the public to give informed comment. Further, there has been a markedly disparate level of notification, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Original plans for the camp, on a 50-acre site adjacent to Highway 189, called for a maximum of 1,000 people onsite. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Original plans for the camp, on a 50-acre site adjacent to Highway 189, called for a maximum of 1,000 people onsite. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Original plans for the camp, on a 50-acre site adjacent to Highway 189, called for a maximum of 1,000 people onsite. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts. Revised plans that reduce to 350, but still call for a 57,599-square foot conference center, both factors severely curtailing the public’s ability to carefully evaluate project impacts.

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By Jenny Willie

As a member of our residents has the right to breathe clean air and drink clean water. Without these two items, humans get sick and suffer a miserable death. Many of our residents are not aware of the quality of our life, let us not forget these two vital items. It seems that in our daily rush to improve our employment which provides food and shelter, we forget the basics of clean air and water in a pattern of grinding disregard as a better way of life. The bigger your house, the larger your estate, the more fancy your cars are symbols of affluence that indicate you are successful and “living well”. People all around the world are shown via television, movies and the internet that this is so and they are rushing to join the carnival. We are blinded by advertising and corruption and forget to take care of our basic needs.

In the last issue I wrote about water. This is the time to focus attention on clean air.

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) has a long history of trying to clean our air. Our desert air was for years considered clean and many people moved here to enjoy this resource. This summer I subscribed to the email alerts from MDAQMD, anyone who can do so. Please see the web site (http://www.mdaqmd.ca.gov/index.aspx). The web site includes an interesting map which shows via a color code the types of air pollution that affect us. The color code represents unhealthy air throughout any given day.

Over the years I have noticed that our surrounding mountains are disappearing just as they do when seen from the Inland Empire. They are obscured in a haze and it is getting worse. According to the MDAQMD much of the dirty smog is blown in through the Cajon Pass, through the mountains around Phelan, Hesperia, Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. That lovely area just off the freeway has a dark shadow appearing just as they do when seen from the Inland Empire. They are obscured around Phelan, Hesperia, Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. That lovely area just off the freeway has a dark shadow appearing just as they do when seen from the Inland Empire. They are obscured.

The layer of smog already follows the I-15 freeway, and yet the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SBAG) is busy contemplating that commerce and transport and our people in San Bernardino will increase considerable over the next decade or two, and the product will be transported via truck using the railway and roadway corridors. We are busy trying to figure out how to cope with the increased traffic and seem to forget about the quality of our air. An increase in commerce seems to be non-negotiable even though most of the unhealthy air comes from “mobile” sources such as diesel trucks and cars.

Please remember, that you too have the right to clean air and clean water. As a member of the Sierra Club you can be assured that someone is watching our eye in the DEIR is in the Executive Summary that lists reasons where the quarry would have a significant impact on the surrounding area. These include air quality, biological resources, transportation and traffic.

The Summary says the impact in these specific areas “would remain considerable, erable and unavoidable” regardless of what is done to mitigate the harm.

Well over a year ago, the Santa Margarita Group as well as the San Gabriel Chapter took a position in opposition to Liberty Quarry. There is concern that Liberty Quarry would put the County’s Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSPHP), an active and very important wildlife corridor passes through the proposed quarry area. There is also fear the quarry would disrupt San Diego State University’s 4400 acre research and educational Eccological Reserve. Also at issue is possible damage to the nearby Santa Margarita River, one of the last free flowing rivers in California, and a source of water for Camp Pendleton.

There is also strong opposition to the quarry from local residents, local businesses, transporta tion and traffic. All of the clear indications that the quarry would have a significant impact. It is now up to quarry opponents to convince the Riverside County Board of Supervisor to vote against a mining permit when it reaches them for a decision. And many agree it is going to be an uphill battle all the way despite all of the clear indications that the Temecula Foothills is the wrong place for a lime mine.

Other important things the Santa Margarita Group is doing, Conservation Chair Pam Nelson and Program Chair Lynn Davis report they have a lot planned for the Fall in key areas of wilderness areas and watershed territory, to join in October cleanup events. Wildlife, habitat and environmental pressures will highlight our November meeting. Several social mixers are being planned for our Fall season, with details to be announced within a few weeks.

So, the Santa Margarita Group has a lot going on in the months ahead.

Los Serranos Group

By Mary Ann Ruiz

LOS SERRANOS NEEDS LEADERS!

Our Group Nominating Committee is looking for those interested in making a difference! We will be filling 3 open positions on our Executive Committee during our elections later this year. Once elected to Ex-Comm, the elected members will meet and work together to fill the important positions of Outings Chair, Membership Chair, Conservation Chair and Programs Chair. In addition to all of your usual duties, if you fill any of these positions, we welcome any interested members to serve on Ex-Comm to help our group grow. If you are interested, please contact our Nominating Committee, David Thorne and Joe Whyte. Email them at dclthorne@aol.com, and “Joe Whyte” “whytejpw@msn.com”. Or, you can contact our Group Chair, Mary Ann Ruiz at ruizmaryann@gmail.com or call 909-815-9312.

The next meeting to our meeting on September 15th for further information about positions open, job descriptions and how to turn your interest into helping make a difference.

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August 11 – August 23
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

August 11-16 (TUE-SUN) SOUTHERN SERRA-OLANCHO PEAK BACKPACK
Backpack begins at Kennedy Meadows above Owens Valley (not to be confused with Kennedy Meadows near Sonora). Hike in 2 miles from the trailhead to a camp by the Kern River. Continue up the Kern for the next two days to our high camp at 3,900’. Day 3 is the hike with drakk pots through the stillwaters and an optional hike to the top of Olancho Peak at 12,122’. Then back to the 4 miles to the previous night’s camp. Night 4 hike is the 4 miles to the first night’s camp; then 2 miles out the last day. Much of the trip on the Pacific Crest Trail. LDR: DAVID HART (102-875-4545, hartdlr@sierraclub.org) email: preferred. BIG BEAR GROUP

August 18 (TUE) 6:30 PM SOUTHERN SERRA-OLANCHO PEAK (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 628-1285. MOJAVE GROUP

August 18 (TUE) 6:30 PM SOUTHERN SERRA-OLANCHO PEAK (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting. For current program information, please visit the group website at www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Bear Creek Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Highway 38). Fawakian. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5050. BIG BEAR GROUP

August 22-23 (SAT-SUN) ANCIENT BRISTLECONE PINE FOREST CARCAMP
Come with us to the beautiful White Mica to camp, hike and just relax. On Saturday, we hike the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest on a moderate 5 mile loop interpretive trail, followed by a picnic lunch and a short optional hike to a nearby old mining cabin. Back at camp we’ll enjoy Happy Hour, a potluck dinner and a campfire. Sunday we pack up and head home. Group size strictly limited. Send |||PHONE_NUMBER|||  2 large SASIE photo cards, email, join us on Reservetor LD: Lygya Garcia, PO Box 26437, Temecula, 92595. (760) 868-2179.

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SEP 8 (SAT) 10:30 AM CANYON HUNGER REFLECTION HIKE

September 9th at 10:30 AM from the Von's Supermarket parking lot in Big Bear Lake for carpooling. DRI VERS will need a Forest Adventure Pass, as we will be hiking through the San Bernardino National Forest. This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those reaching all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a patch commemorating the effort. Bring water, snacks, layered clothing, and hiking books. We will meet at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake. LEADER: Call Ed Wallace (954) 584-9407.

SEP 9 (WED) 8:30 AM BIG BEAR HIKING

This hike will start at 8:30 AM at Lakeview Park near the Junction of Crestview Blvd. and Big Bear Blvd. This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those reaching all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a patch commemorating the effort. Bring water, snacks, layered clothing, and hiking books. We will meet at the Von’s parking lot in Big Bear Lake. LEADER: Call Ed Wallace (954) 584-9407.

SEP 8 (TUE) 7:00 PM MEETING

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING

SANTA MARGARITA, CA 92676. Place: Rancho California Water District headquarters, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. Directions: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 886-0115 or lseekins@ecco.com. MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM BIGHORN MOUNTAIN HIKING

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SEP 1 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

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SEP 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM SANGAMON COUNTY GROUP MEETING

SEPT 15 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

SEP 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM SERRA MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING

SEP 15 (MON) 9:00 AM COUGAR CREST TRAIL TO BERMA PEAK HIKE

INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>

PLACAS: 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 886-0115 or lseekins@ecco.com. MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 10 (TUE) 6:30 PM SANGAMON COUNTY GROUP MEETING

SEP 10 (SAT) 7:00 AM MISSION INN Fly Fishing Tournament

SEP 10 (SAT) 10:00 AM WILDHORSE SPRINGS TO SUGARLOAF MTN HIKE

SEP 10 (SAT) 10:00 AM JENKS LAKE ROAD HIKE

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OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 18

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

OCTOBER 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM SANTA BARBARA COUNTY YOUTH MEETING

MEETING

Welcome message from the Past President. Next meeting will be on Oct. 25. We'll have a program from the San Diego Natural History Museum. As always we will have an audience quiz. Come and join the fun. All welcome. MEET: San Diego Natural History Museum, 1482 El Prado, Balboa Park. Contact: Jim Ehrhardt, (858) 753-2740, jehrhardt@san.org.

OCTOBER 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM SANTA BARBARA COUNTY YOUTH MEETING

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OCTOBER 13 (WED) 10:00 AM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING

Meeting with the public. Please call for meeting location. CONTACT: JERRY ROGERS (760-774-0919) or email(Labelady@msn.com) MEET: SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

OCTOBER 13 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate - we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOTH, Conservation Chair, Kfmflo610@email.com (760) 249-5208.

OCTOBER 14 (TUE) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING

Meeting except for July 4. MEET: Sirrine Inst. Regency Room, 17778 Franciscan, Victorville. (One block north of River Rd., on River Glen off Ridgeline on the southeast of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-5834, twiley@1wiley.net. MEET: MOJAVE GROUP

OCTOBER 15 (SAT 8:30 AM OLYMPIO GROUP MEETING

Enjoying the fall colors and cool daytime temperatures, we'll be taking a drive up the Pines to view some of the impressive fall colors. We will stop at the historic Drake's Peak Lookout for lunch and photo opportunities. After lunch a short walk in the area. MEET: Meet at Drake's Peak lookout. MEET: OLYMPIO GROUP

**OCT 10 (SAT) 8 AM SMOKEY MOUNTAIN HIK**

The hike begins at 8am from the Snow Canyon State Park parking lot. We’ll drive about 2 miles up a road to the parking lot on the right. From there we’ll hike up to the Snowy Range with a 2000 foot elevation gain. The hike is moderately difficult with some steep sections. MEET: MEET: SMOKEY MOUNTAIN HIK

**OCT 17 (SAT) 8 AM SMOKEY MOUNTA**

A hike to the trailhead and up to Box Springs Mountain. Total distance 5 miles with 1000' feet gain. The hike is moderate with some steep sections. MEET: MEET: SMOKEY MOUNTA

OCT 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM STURGEON LAKE HIKE

A hike to the west end of Sturgeon Lake. MEET: STURGEON LAKE HIKE

OCT 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM MALIBU MOUNTAINTOP CHURCH MEETING

We are all invited. Please join us. We have a special speaker this month. MEET: MALIBU MOUNTAINTOP CHURCH MEETING

**OCT 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TO MORTON PEAK HIKE**

This 12-mile round trip hike has a 2800 ft elevation gain. Great views of the Santa Ana River drainage. Bring water, sunscreen, and snacks. WEAR: hiking boots. BRING: water, 2-qt water bottles, and snacks. MEET: MEET: SANTA ANA RIVER TO MORTON PEAK HIKE

FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

OCT 3 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN ANTELOPE PROTECTION WORK PARTY

Our final project this year is the Carrizo Plain National Monument. We will be working on the east side of the Carrizo Plain. The project is rain sensitive so please check the weather the day before for rain. It is October, we could still have wet ground to deal with. See you there!

OCT 4 (MON) WILDERNESS RESTORATION DEATH VALLEY NP WORK PARTY

The desert will be going through a change in vegetation over the next few years due to the recent rains. We will help with this change by planting native plants. We need as many people as possible. This is a great opportunity to see the desert in a different way and to be involved in the restoration of an important wilderness area. MEET: MEET: DEATH VALLEY NP WORK PARTY

OCT 17-18 (SAT – SUN) EXPLORING THE SODA MOUNTAINS CAR CAMPKHE

We will explore the ridges and deep valleys of this relatively unknown and rugged Wilderness Study Area in the Soda Mountains near the south end of Death Valley National Park. MEET: MEET: SODA MOUNTAINS CAR CAMPKHE

NOV 5 (SAT) 6:00 PM MOONEY MOUNTAIN CAMP MEETING

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NOV 6-8 (FRI-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE SERVICE TRIP

Other Outings & Outdoor Classes

In addition to the Natural History Classes and Outdoor Field Study Classes listed elsewhere in the Palm and Pine under The Desert Institute, UCR Extension and Rancho Santa Ana, you can find additional outings and classes at www.desertreporter.org
NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

AGS 17 (TUE) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Help us preserve Moreno Valley's northern skyline & secure a natural open-space corridor between the Box Springs Mountains & the Badlands, including the upper basin of Reche Canyon. We meet at the Coffee Grinder, 23580 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley. INFO: DAN CLARK, (951) 924-2544 <danclark68@earthlink.net>.

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Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: $2 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 398 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit off Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (951) 825-4427 <gailseekins@sbcglobal.net>.

AGS 17 (SAT) 1 PM NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT

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Annual Lobby Day Sunday & Monday August 23-24

Come join us in Sacramento for our annual Lobby Day on Sunday and Monday August 23rd and 24th. You will be part of a team that will help Sierra Club California pass our priority bills during the most exciting and challenging time of the year—the State Capitol. You will have opportunities for interaction with other activists and our professional lobbying staff, as well as with legislators and their staff.

This is a two-day event. On Sunday afternoon our advocate team will train you on how to lobby and brief you on our priorities, bills so that you can effectively advocate for them. On Monday, you will work the halls of the Capitol as teams, with meetings scheduled throughout the day.

For more information, please contact Annie Pham, Legislative Aide at lobby-day@sierracalifornia.org or (916) 557-1100 ext. 107.

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Parks

Final 2009 Fundraising Cruise Sep 11-14

Come and explore the wild, wind-swept islands of Channel Island National Park. In spring, the islands are ablaze with wildflowers. The pristine waters of the Marine Sanctuary will entice both snorkelers and kayakers in all seasons. Watch for the highly endangered Island Fox. Marvel at the gael for white sandy beaches and a huge congregation of elephant seals.

Santa Rosa for a rare stand of Torrey Pines. Santa Cruz for high mountains, deep valleys and the famous Painted Cave. Anacapa for the brown pelican rookery, a picturesque lighthouse, excellent snorkeling waters and a colony of friendly sea lions who will swim with snorkelers and follow kayakers.

The Cruise departs from Santa Barbara aboard the 68’ twin diesel Truth. The fee, $590, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes on each island and present evening programs. The proceeds from these fundraising cruises will benefit Sierra Club’s political programs in California To make a reservation mail a $100 check, payable to Sierra Club to leader: Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. Contact leader for more information (626) 443-0762.

UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

OCT 16 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE

OCT 12 (TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS

OCT 20 (TUE) 6:30 PM OPEN SPACE MEETING

Save our city a planet similar to that of life on earth is adapted, paleo-
climatic evidence and ongoing cli-
mate change suggest that CO2
will need to be reduced from its current
385 ppm to at most 350 ppm

Mountains

Carsick to the peak, which used to
be very bushy, and gives one clearer
views of Big Bear Lake and sur-
roundings. After signing the book at the peak,
and enjoying a snack, we returned to the trail head around 1 pm - An enjoyable outing
by Heather Sargeant.

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One Simple Way to Care for it

Join us in protecting the future by doing your
share today.

EarthShare of California

The Rancho Santa Botanic Garden in Claremont has an extensive list of classes and field trips including Horticulture and Botany classes, Natural History classes and field trips and Art classes. For a complete description and fees go to www.earthsare.org and click on “View Full Calendar” or contact Cotton Coulter at ccoulter@rsabg.org or 909-625-8767, ext. 224.

Rancho Santa Botanic Garden Natural History Classes & Field Trips

Between drinking clean water and breathing clean air? Between parks and beaches? How can you choose? Would there be a right choice?

Now there’s a way to help not just one, but all these things. It’s called Earth Share of California – the world’s leading environmental and conservation charities working together.

Through Earth Share of California you can make a one-time gift, or a payor deduction donation that helps every day to protect and preserve the environment – locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.

Earth Share is not part of your employer’s workplace giving campaign? We’d like to do something about that. Call Ladd Seekins at 909-888-0161 weekdays or 909-825-4427 evenings and weekends. Address e-mail to l-

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**MORENO VALLEY**

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nformation. Updated information can be found at the Group’s web site: http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html Project planner for the Highland Fairview project is Mark Gross, Moreno Valley Planning Department, (951) 413-3222. Thank you to all of you who have given donations to support the lawsuit!

There is no new information on the ProLogis Project, a 2 million square feet warehouse project on planned for eastern Moreno Valley. Also going through the city’s planning process is the Ridge Property Trust Project, almost 1 million square feet warehouse project. The city planning department is reviewing the initial study and the Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project may be released sometime soon. The Planner for both of the projects is Jeff Bradshaw, (951) 413-3224. The land for both projects is adjacent to the south edge of Highway 60 between Moreno Beach Drive and Redlands Boulevard. Although the city has numerous warehouses in various stages of planning (most are located adjacent to March Air Reserve Base and southern Moreno Valley), it is possible that the old Moreno Highlands Specific Plan (MHSP) (1,800 acre residential project approved in 1991) might be slated for development as warehouses if the city puts into place Logistics Modified General Plan for the specific plan area. The MHSP project area is located south of Highway 60 and on the northern boundary of the 19,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area in eastern Moreno Valley. More information on the industrial development in the city can be found at: http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/do biz/index.shtml

According to information from the California Air Resources Board, the Inland Empire has the worst air pollution in California. The largest source of diesel emissions in the Inland Empire is South Coast Air Basin, which includes Riverside and San Bernardino counties, is the goods—movement industry and its associated warehouse distribution centers. Riverside County is the first in the nation for asthma, heart disease and respiratory ailments. Riverside County is currently updating its General Plan. The General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) has been meeting since the fall of 2008 to discuss updating Policy Areas within the General Plan. The GPAC is composed of interest parties (landowners, developers, water interests) with one representative from the environmental community, George Hague. One of the areas slated for change is called the Northeast Agricultural Conversion Policy Area. The area includes lands which include two proposed subdivisions of up in San Jacinto. Although the two specific plans have been approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, the zoning reflects the land uses proposed by the specific plan. These lands are adjacent to the flood plain for residential, it zones land adjacent to the Alquist—Priolo Zone of the San Jacinto Fault (the most active fault in California) as residential, and it zones land on collapsible unstable soils as residential. The GPAC committee will meet on September 9 to discuss the Northeast Agricultural Conversion Policy Area. Agendas and information on the general plan update can be found at: http://www.rclma.org/planning/content hearings/gpac/gpac.html Please call George Hague at (951) 924-0816 if you have questions or concerns about the update. Planner for the update is Mitra Meltra-Cooper, Riverside County Planning Department, (951) 955-8514.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission approved building only half of its planned Mid County Parkway at their July 8 meeting. Due to environmental issues and a $3 billion price tag, the commission voted to build only the eastern segment of the project between the city of San Jacinto and Interstate 215 (current known as the Ramona Expressway). Although residents along the I-215 to Corona segment are relieved that the California and egress will compress the est number of units. Freeway in density of the number of units adja- cent to the wildlife area. Also no alternative forms of transportation have been proposed such as light rail, bus service, or van pool. The environmental report will have to be reissused to address the changes in the project. As mentioned previ- ously, many individuals have sug- gested that the money would be bet- ter spent by making modest im- provements to the Ramona Expressway, Winchester Road, Highway 74 and Gilman Springs Road instead building a freeway. Information on the project can be found at: http://www.middowntown.org.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board is sponsoring a “Hike to Box Springs M Trail” on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Meet at 8:30 at Moreno Valley High School, 23100 Cougar Canyon Drive, Moreno Valley. Call (951) 413-7502 for more information and to confirm start time for the walk. The Recreational Trails Board sponsors approximately five hikes throughout the year in Moreno Valley.

As for full projects, the San Jacinto Wildlife Area wetlands areas will fill with migrating and overwintering waterfowl. The Wildlife Area this fall, please remem- ber that waterfowl (late October to February) and pheasant hunting (all Mondays, November 16—21, plus a youth hunt) will fill with migrating and overwintering waterfowl. The Wildlife Area is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. The Moreno Valley Group has group meetings and is looking for more volunteers. Any amount of time you could contribute would be appreciated. For more in- formation on group meetings and volunteering with the Moreno Valley Group, contact Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150, Theresa Carson, (951) 242-4752 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816 or e-mail us at: mvogroup@yahoo.com.
Mojave

Members of the Mojave Group, along with other conservation groups enjoy lively discussions with each other and the wider community at the Farmers Market on Thursday mornings. The Farmers market is held at Victor Valley College on Bear Valley Road. Look for the Sierra Club banner.

We invite you to join us between 8am and noon to find out more about our group and to discuss any current hikes, meetings and other activities. If you plan on staying awhile, you may want to bring your own chair! Don’t forget bags for fresh fruits and veggies from the other vendors. Don’t be shy, ask the vendors where the produce is grown and if it is “organic”. The Farmer’s Market is also a great place to browse for freight trucks and motorists to by-pass the most congested areas of the region and thus directly improve the air quality and mobility of the rest of Southern California.”

How will it do that? The first step is to educate ourselves, pool our resources, and learn how to speak out. Join our group effort to become aware of large projects that may contribute to poor air quality in the Victor Valley by letting our Excom Members know about the project. Don’t assume that we already know and have the time and energy to pursue your concerns about every proposed project. We need your help with this. The Mojave Group has no paid staff members. We are all volunteers. Once our area has attracted the maximum number of polluting industries and those industries are then made to clean up their act, the business will move away (such as San Bernardino) in their wake.

Mojave Group Table at the High Desert Farmer’s Market

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Thank you, Estelle, for keeping this outreach project alive!

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA was adopted in 1970 and intended to:
- inform governmental decision-makers and the public about potential environmental effects of a project;
- identify ways to reduce adverse impacts;
- offer alternatives to the project; and
- disclose to the public why a project was approved.

CEQA applies to projects undertaken, funded or requiring an issuance of a permit by a public agency. The AQMD has two basic roles under CEQA:
1. Lead Agency; responsible for preparing environmental analysis in the form of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Negative Declaration (ND), or Environmental Assessment (EA). For information regarding these document types, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).
2. Commenting Agency Responsibilities; review and comment on air quality analysis prepared by other public agencies.

Send suggestions or comments on this website to ceqa_admin@aqmd.gov.
This is our vision, and you can help make it a reality. The purpose of the trail is to provide recreational opportunities for cyclists, pedestrians, runners and equestrians. Trail users would enjoy exercise, convenient access to jobs, public facilities and shopping, while exploring the history and culture of the area.

The Pacific Electric Trail corridor is an opportunity that comes rarely to a region or city. Imagine being able to ride a bicycle from Claremont to Rialto along a bike path separated from automobiles. Within the next few years, this dream will become a reality. The City of Rancho Cucamonga, acting as the lead agency, has joined together with the San Bernardino Associated Governments (Sanbag) and surrounding cities, to develop a multi-purpose trail that would link the cities of Claremont, Montclair, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana and Rialto. The rail trail would also connect to a 6.9-mile rail trail project being planned from Claremont to San Dimas.

About 350 Org

We are a group of people from around the planet—young and old, scientists and writers and activists—who have one thing in common. We know the most important number on earth: 350. We know what it means and we know the climate change crisis demands action on a scale that matches the urgency.

The bad news is we’re already past that number—we’re at 390 parts per million, which is why the Arctic is melting, why drought is spreading across the planet, why people are already dying from diseases like dengue fever and malaria occurring in places they’ve never been seen before.

The good news: that number gives us a target to aim for. When the world’s leaders meet in Copenhagen in December to reach agreement on a new climate treaty, we need them to go farther than they’ve planned to go: we need to make sure they’ll pay attention to the latest science and put forward a plan that gets us back to safety.

The Arctic is sending us perhaps the clearest message that climate change is occurring much more rapidly than scientists previously thought. In the summer of 2007, sea ice was roughly 39% below the summer average for 1979-2000, a loss of area equal to nearly five United Kingdoms.

Many scientists now believe the Arctic will be completely ice free in the summertime between 2011 and 2015, some 80 years ahead of what scientists had predicted just a few years ago.

Propelled by the news of these accelerating impacts, some of the world’s leading climate scientists have now revised the highest safe level of CO2 to 350 parts per million. That’s the last number you need to know, and the most important. It’s the safety zone for planet earth. James Hansen of America’s National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the first scientist to warn about global warming more than two decades ago, wrote recently, “If humanity wishes to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted, we need a carbon dioxide level of 350 ppm.”

Los Serranos

(Continued from page 4) Stewardship of our local mountains and wilderness areas. We are also involved in local conservation issues. Currently we have a committee following the potential Carrari Ranch development in Rancho Cucamonga. We have commented on the Chino Hills State Park plan for power transmission lines. Many of our members are actively involved in the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign, working to convince our local Congressman David Dreier to introduce legislation adding wilderness in our mountains. Join our active, involved members by becoming involved in our Executive Committee!