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**Membership Meetings**

Tuesday, September 7
“Volunteering in Patagonia National Park”
Speaker: Dr. James Pinter-Luke (see write up Page 1)

Tuesday, October 5
“Sacred Mountains of Sacajawea Backpack Trip”
Speaker: Mary Ann Ruiz (see write up Page 1)

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands (California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

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**Annual Fall Fund Appeal**

It’s time to consider your contribution to the San Gorgonio Chapter’s Fall Fund Appeal. A return envelope has been inserted in this issue of the *Palm and Pine* for your check.

Did you know that the chapter receives only $1 each year from your Sierra Club membership dues for publication of your Chapter Newsletter? The Fall Fund Appeal is specifically designated to help make up the difference between our actual costs and the dollars received. Your contribution allows continued publication of the Inland Empire’s most comprehensive environmental newspaper. The *Palm and Pine* is the main source of information for those participating in our Outings program. In fact, on the average about 30% of the total newspaper is devoted to Outings.

If your insert is missing, please make your check payable to the Sierra Club and mail it to Rick Estes, 4079 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside CA 92501.

Gifts to the Sierra Club support our effective, citizen-based advocacy and lobbying programs and therefore are not tax deductible.

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**Treat Water**

Even beautiful water should be treated. On many short hikes, you’ll be able to bring all the water you need with you. But for longer hikes, you need a way to treat the water you find in creeks, rivers, and lakes. That’s because bacteria and viruses found in untreated water can lead to some pretty uncomfortable illnesses. There are a couple of reliable ways to treat water. Having a backup with you is always a good idea.

The simplest way to treat water is to boil it. Boiling it for one minute will kill most of the bacteria and viruses. However, if you are above 6,000 feet, you need to boil the water for one minute. Boiling it for one minute will do the job, but add two more minutes if you are above 6,000 feet. This requires that you carry a stove and pot with you, and is more time consuming than other methods. (If you are making pasta for dinner you don’t need to filter your water before cooking. Just make sure to boil it long enough.)

Chemical treatments, like iodine

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**Mark Your Calendars For These Two Chapter Programs!**

On September 7th Dr. James Pinter-Luke will present an outstanding program on Volunteering in Patagonia National Park.

Earlier this year Jim volunteered to work in the future Patagonia National Park in Chile. The creation of this park is an ongoing project of Conservacion Patagonica, which has already created Monte Leon National Park in Argentina. Kristine and Douglas Tompkins of the Patagonia clothing company founded Conservacion Patagonica in 2000.

Starting with the 2004 purchase of Estancia Valle Chacabuco, (175,000 acres) the creation of a new national park in the Patagonia region is and will continue to be the major focus of Conservacion Patagonica for the next eight years. In addition to donations, volunteers were needed . . . and Jim responded.

The future Patagonia National Park’s region features an impressive variety of landscapes, including steppe, grasslands, wetlands, southern beech forests, high peaks, lakes, lagoons and one of Chile’s most emblematic rivers, the Baker River.

Valle Chacabuco still has its entire original species of flora and fauna, including the nearly extinct huemul deer. The expansion of habitat for the huemul and the increase in its population numbers is a major goal of Conservation Patagonica.

Last November Jim, a climber and mathematician at Claremont McKenna College, gave us a program on his climbing expedition to Little Switzerland, Alaska. So come, hear about his experiences and see his pictures of Patagonia National Park.

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Then . . . on October 5, our featured speaker, Mary Ann Ruiz, will present a great program on her *Sacred Mountains of Sacajawea Backpack Trip*.

The southern Wind River Range—Winds for short—in Wyoming affords a wilderness experience that is truly memorable. Forming an unbroken line of beautiful wildlands for a hundred miles, the Winds crest marks the Continental Divide. There are 45 peaks over 13,000 feet, and more than 1,300 lakes are sprinkled across the highest mountains in Wyoming — all fed by the clearest streams you’ve ever seen.

In this range, seven of the 10 largest glaciers in the lower 48 have left their mark. The landscape is covered with rugged, serrated granite peaks, ridges and walls, alpine cirques, and magical hanging valleys. A critical part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the Winds help support the biodiversity required to maintain its healthy natural system of both flora and fauna.

Sierra Club National Outing leader Roger Grissesse led a seven-day backpack through the Wind River Range Indian Reservation in August 2010. Los Serranos Group Chair Mary Ann Ruiz was part of this group that backpacked through seldom seen areas on Shoshone and Arapahoe tribal lands. Mary Ann will share photos and experiences from this unique trip.
and chlorine, are also effective. They’re light in your pack and don’t take a lot of time (you can treat the bottle of water and throw it in your pack while it does its magic). Make sure to follow the instructions.

Water filters have become increasing popular. They treat your water without changing its taste, but are heavier than the chemical alternative. Different models offer protection against different contaminants, so make sure to find the one that works best for you.

UV light purifiers are high-tech devices that use light to kill the organisms in contaminated water. They have similar advantages to filters, but are much lighter. They also require a battery, so it’s a good idea to have a back-up in case your batteries die.  

—Source: Sierra Club.com

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park
September 9-11; October 17-19
by Joan Jones Holtz

Explore the wild, windswept islands of Channel Island National Park. Enjoy the frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds. Hike the trails to find blankets of wildflowers and plants found in no other place on earth. Kayak or snorkel the pristine waters — or just relax at sea. These live-aboard, eco tours depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68-foot twin diesel Tarth. Fee ($785 for July trips; $590 for September and October) includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes, call attention to items of interest and present evening programs.

To make a reservation mail a $100 check, payable to Sierra Club to leader: Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wyse St., El Monte, CA 91732. Contact leader for more information (626-443-0706; joholtzhin@aol.com)
Xeriscape Tour a Success!
Our 8th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour of drought-tolerant gardens in Big Bear Valley saw 554 people show up at the starting location with an estimated 75 percent of those being first time attendees. Partnering with the USAA Insurance Company for the FireWise home brought in an additional 100 plus people to that location alone. Home number eight on the tour, belonging to Rae Miller, won the People’s Choice Award! Thanks to all the Sierra Club members who volunteered at the start location and were greeters at the homes.

Two Great Meetings on the Calendar
For members and their guests only, we will be taking a lake excursion on the Big Bear Queen on Tuesday, August 17th. This event is open to the first 40 people to arrive. We will be departing from Big Bear Lake Marina, which is located at the end of Paine Road in Big Bear Lake at 6:30 pm sharp, so please arrive at 6:15. Bring a pot luck item to share and something to drink. Also, don’t forget a tip for the boat captain. (Suggestion: $5 per couple.) Bring a light jacket as it can be cool on the water at night.

For our September 21st meeting, we will be taking a tour and watching a cooking demonstration at the Copper Q at 6:30 pm. The Copper Q is a new cooking store located in the Village at 645 Pine Knott Ave. Owner Linda Ricchiuti will give us a tour and show all us all the earth-friendly, sustainable products she incorporated into the building of her store including bamboo flooring, recycled glass counter tops, hard-wired compact fluorescent lighting and more. After the tour, we will gather around the demonstration kitchen for a cooking lesson by a local chef. And yes, we will be sampling the results of the demonstration. Call Christi at 866-5000 if you have any questions on either of these meetings.

Brian and Janice Elliott will present a program about their recent trip to the land down under, Australia. They took a month long self organized trip this past summer to four major areas of Australia. Brian and Janice focused on birding and observing wildlife in each area. They will show and discuss their digital images of the regions they visited including images of the birds and wildlife (lots of marsupial species) of the area. Areas visited include the Granite Belt near Brisbane, the Wet Tropics near Cairns, the Red Centre in the Alice Springs region, and the Sydney area. They enjoyed seeing and identifying more than 150 species of birds and many species of kangaroo and wallaby in the many national parks and natural areas that they visited. Australia is truly a remarkable place to visit. Information: ruizmaryann@gmail.com 909-815-9379 Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid and 11th at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome, refreshments will be served.

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Amercia’s Great Outdoors Listening Session
By Carol Wiley
Recently there have been listening sessions around the country on President Obama’s America’s Great Outdoors Initiative, giving the public the opportunity to share their ideas on conservation and connecting people with the great outdoors. On July 8 two people from the Mojave Group, Jenny Wilder and Carol Wiley, joined many other conservationists, including our friends from the California Wilderness Coalition, to attend a listening session at Occidental College. A big thanks to CWC for providing a bus that took 75 desert activists to this event, which brought out 800 people to express their concerns and ideas to the top administration officials. After a welcome by the President of Occidental College and Mayor Antonio Villaragosa and the panel which included Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior, Lisa Jackson, EPA Administrator; Nancy Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality and others, were introduced and spoke to the attendees.

Monica Argandona, director of California Wilderness Coalition, addressed the panel on the concerns over the desert. Most of us gave our opinions when we broke up into smaller groups which were organized so that all could be heard. In additions to our concerns, there were very good discussions on ideas and projects to get people into our great outdoors.

Could this happen to you?
By Jenny Wilder
Armed with your lifetime earnings and savings you purchase that special place to relax in your retirement. You do your research and move in. Soon the crazy noises begin. It could be the people who move next door to you with off road vehicles. They move the dirt creating jumps and stir up clouds of dust at all hours of the day. You are no longer able to enjoy and outdoor BBQ with your friends or enjoy the view of the mountains without disturbance. The noise permeates your living room.

It could be “progress”; the expanding of a road into a parkway, expressway or freeway. Traffic zooming by at all hours and you are no longer able to enjoy the birds singing.

Check on the freeway to nowhere – the High Desert Corridor at http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/transportation/high_desert_corridor.asp. Or suddenly those jumpers next door are torn up, moved down and huge dirt movers begin to make level lots for hundreds of houses. Roads go in, some construction begins, some people move in, and then the developer leaves. Nothing is finished, the tumbleweeds take over and the proud homeowners turn into irresponsible tenants or the beautiful desert becomes a new ghost town. (You can probably name one of these projects). This is not the quality of life you expected.

Or it could be an aerobatic practice box set near your home. Small airplanes come over and seem to be dive bombing your peaceful desert home. The noise starts without warning and is deafening, frightening and goes on for hours. Yes, you knew you lived by the airport, but this is not like the distant drone of the usual flight pattern, this is insane. Check the new Apple Valley Airport General Plan (http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/airports/aprport/2009/default.aspx). Does the High Desert Corridor project to link I-15 with Hwy 18 have anything to do with the Apple Valley Airport expansion?

All of these activities must first have approval from local authorities, so what happened? How can the neighbor next door or the pilot from a distant town get approval to disturb

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The Moreno Valley Group will hold its executive committee election this fall. If there are issues that you are concerned about and you would like to run for the executive committee, please contact Theresa Carter at (951) 242-4752 by the end of September. We are planning to include the excom election ballot in the fall issue of the group newsletter.

The notice of preparation of a draft environmental impact report for the San Jacinto River Levee Stage 4 Project has been reissued. Comments were due in mid-August. Originally, the draft environmental impact report was going to be released this summer. The original NOP was released in 2007, but the lead agencies for the project has changed. The city of San Jacinto is now the only lead agency. Also the alignment has changed and length of the levee has been extended. The $25 to $30 million project proposes to fill 1,900 acres of flood plain along the San Jacinto River so it can be developed by the city of San Jacinto. It also purports to protect roads and dairy lands from flooding. There are concerns that the project will eliminate San Bernardino kangaroo rat, burrowing owl and least Bell’s vireo habitat. There are also concerns about the downstream effects on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and south to Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore. For more information on the project, call Tim Hults, City Manager, city of San Jacinto at (951) 487-7330. The I-215 South Corridor Economic Development Summit will be held on October 14, 2010, at the Pechanga Resort & Casino. Stakeholders (elected officials, cities, chambers of commerce, business entities, school districts & educational institutions) will meet to discuss ways to help the economic recovery along the south I-215 corridor. Apparently, the public is invited. Tickets are $100.00. Information can be found at: http://www.215now.com/

The 11,250 unit Villages of Lakeview project (Specific Plan 342), with its 15,000 daily commuters added to our already clogged roadways, was approved by the Riverside Board of Supervisors in March 2010. The project, which is projected to be the core of the ‘new city’ of Lakeview with a population of over 100,000 people, will have devastating impacts on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA), destroy prime agricultural lands, and have severe impacts on the rural communities of Lakeview and Nuevo. The 19,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area is a state Department of Fish and Game facility; its lands are partial mitigation for the State Water Project; it is a Stephens’ Kangaroo Rat reserve for the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA); it is a cornerstone reserve in the Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), the reserve system which, in theory, is supposed to protect and preserve the county’s endangered animals and plants. The California Department of Conservation defines Prime Agricultural Lands by both Land Use and Soil Criteria. The loss of such lands means an economic loss for both the county and the state.

The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit in April to challenge the approval of this mega-development. Please take time to support this lawsuit and make a donation. You can make your check payable to the Sierra Club. Your donation will be used only for the expenses related to fighting this project. No amount is too small. Mail your check to the Sierra Club, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. If you wish to have your donation remain anonymous, please indicate that and we will respect your wishes. Thank you for your help.

The Highland Fairview Corporate Park project continues to be a news item in Moreno Valley. The developer, Iddo Benzevri, has asked the Moreno Valley Unified School District to return the $500,000 he gave to the district in 2008 to find another location for a new middle and high school. The school district had already spent $850,000 developing and approving the necessary environmental documents. It would have made it much more difficult to get his Skechers warehouse approved if new schools were a couple of hundred feet away. He therefore donated $500,000 to the district to help them find a new site. His letter of three months ago asked to be given credit for that money towards his normal building fees. In July the Moreno Valley City Council approved a building permit for the HFCP even though they have not approved the developer’s parcel map. City planning staff and attorney recommended that it not be approved. Eleven lots will be merged to form the project site. Attorney representing the Moreno Valley Citizens for Lawful Government have filed a complaint challenging the approval of the building permit. In July unemployed electricians and construction workers complained at a city council meeting that the construction company hired to build the project is from outside the county and that no Moreno Valley workers had been hired for the project.

The Moreno Valley Group will restart group outings this fall. For more details check the chapter Calendar of Outings and the group web site at: http://sanggonio.sierraclub.org/outings/index.html or http://sanggonio.com. The I-215 South Corridor Economic Development Summit will be held on October 14, 2010, at the Pechanga Resort & Casino. Stakeholders (elected officials, cities, chambers of commerce, business entities, school districts & educational institutions) will meet to discuss ways to help the economic recovery along the south I-215 corridor. Apparently, the public is invited. Tickets are $100.00. Information can be found at: http://www.215now.com/
CARPOOLING POLICY

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpool 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 & arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements & assumes no liability for any injuries or damages sustained in the event of an accident involving a carpool vehicle or a suggested $.50 contribution from everyone for annual permits (above normal mileage contribution). America The Beautiful Interagency Passes may be used in lieu of Adventure Pass.

WHAT TO BRING

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 overshoes, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

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, trip leaders & assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of 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 furthermore understand that on this Outing there may be no 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:

• I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing. & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.

The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with 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.

• 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.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & IN NO EVENT HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon me, my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

I have read this document in its entirety & freely & voluntarily assume all risk 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.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 5, Jun 7, Nov 4, 1, 2010. Also at Shady Cove Conference on Aug 7, & at Keller Hut Dec 4, 3 PM. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 357-0133. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5009.

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM: SF front-page saga. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: $1 diners requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2040 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 10 at California St. INFO: LADEE SEEKINS (909) 898-9911 deedia zoek@aol.com.

(1ST TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUE (909) 815-3739, cmruemaryann@gmail.com.

(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 27478 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 357-0133. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimfloyd@famulink.net (760) 248-5385.

(3RD WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Stirling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Frances, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. & Redlands) Time on Redlands side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 248-8774, cwliley1@verizon.net.

(3RD TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMISSION MEETING Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHALI ROBIN-RAGIER, (909) 767-2205, xadeline@sierraclub.org.

SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group sub-site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 49771 North Shore Dr. ( Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.

(3RD THU) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except August. Note that the September meeting will be an Organic Wine Tasting at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: (Except September) Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 10th. INFO: MARY ANN RUE - crsierran@earthlink.net (909) 815-0570.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING Chapter governors meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4779 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK EKEST (951) 514-3128 - rick@ekest805@yahoo.com.

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL, (951) 896-9007 <sierracwm@msn.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

WEEKLY REOCCURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LABOR/WEEKLY" preceding these listings

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

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SEP 8-7:30 AM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK Hike Meet: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on a 3-mile walk around Jess Ranch & along the Mojave River.

SEP 9-7:00 PM APPLE VALLEY CONDITIONING HIKE Hike Please join me for a 3-5 mile fun/fast-paced conditioning walk along the Mojave River. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. Please bring flashlight, jacket and comfortable walking shoes. Bring flashlight, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Rainy/Wet weather cancels, no call before hike. LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 983-4440 <dflex@desert.net>

SEP 10-10:15 AM GRANITE PEAK Hike Enjoy one of the most popular hikes in the Big Bear area - 7 miles, 1200’ gain, fantastic views. Don’t miss out - the trail is closed for the winter, beginning November 1. Meet 10:15 am at the trailhead. CARPOOLING: Call leader if interested. BRING: 2 parts of water, lunch, snacks, appropriate footwear, and layered clothing. Rain Cancels. MEET: Directions: Take State Hwy 38 along the north shore of Big Bear Lake to the Gray’s Peak parking lot. 2.7 miles NE of Big Bear Dam, or half a mile SW of Fawnskin. PROFESSIONAL LEADER: BILL JOYCE <bill@rollingtherock.com>; ASSISTANT LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ (760) 936-6205.

SEPTEMBER 13 - 19

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings (also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

SEP 15-7:00 PM SM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING Meeting Program/meeting. See previous page. Also refer to Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9370 <crystamaryann@gmail.com> - LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 16-7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO MOUNTAIN BACKPACK Service This is an easy backpacking adventure starting at the South Fork trailhead with a lift off of Hwy 36 and Jumbo Lake Road. From here we hike to the South Fork Trail's Dry Lake Trail and camp overnight at Lodgepole Spring. Saturday, we will day-hike to San Gorgonio Mountains peak (11,499 elevation) and return to Lodgepole Spring. Sunday, we will break camp and return to the South Fork trailhead. This will be a moderate paced hike, but considered difficult due to the 25 mile total distance and 5,000 feet elevation gain. Nature’s water should be available at Lodgepole Spring. So hikers are to bring water treatment drops/tablets. MEET: 8:15 AM at the Vons Shopping Center or at South Fork Trail Head. An Advance Pass is required for parking at the trail head. Bring adequate water, plus water treatment drops/tablets, overnight provisions, sunscreen, sleeping bag, hat, and good hiking shoes. Register early with the hiking leader as wakling spaces are limited. Arranged by Ed Caliendo. Hiking Leader at (760) 487-5813 or Vicki Hollis, Co-Leader (760) 905-8490.<BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 16-7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting A monthly meeting. The public is welcome. MEETING PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. CONTACT: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>

SEP 20-26

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings (also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

SEP 21-6:00 PM SANTA JUVENTINO GROUP (HESS) CONI MISSION COMMITTEE Meeting Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAILA RENEE ROGER-RIGER, 760-787-2202, <shairig@msn.com><shairig@msn.com>. PLACE: Bear Discovery Center, 49751 North Shore Dr. (hwy 36), Lake Arrowhead. CONTACT: CHRISTINE HOPKINS (909) 484-5904.

SEP 21-7:00 PM SM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING Meeting Program/Activity: Wine/Kosher wine at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. This is an opportunity to visit an amazing and relatively unknown national monument. There will be an optional scenic lake hike in the Cahuilla Mountains on Friday. Others may join us for National Public Lands Day on Saturday when we will participate with other volunteers removing one of the historic homesteats in the center of the Plains. On Sunday, we will tour a number of the historic, botanical, and geologic sites in the Monument. LEADER: CRAIG DIETSHIC, <craig.dietshiecl@gmail.com> - CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

SEP 21-7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP Meeting Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. CONTACT: JIM MITCHELL (760) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>

SEPTEMBER 5 – 30

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SEP 12-7:00 PM MISSION MEETING Meeting Program/meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRETT, (909) 317-0113. - SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

SEP 13-7:00 PM NAYA TRAIL, PCT, SAN DIEGO CANYON LOOP Hike Moderate 6-mile loop hike with a 1200-foot elevation gain and includes a short trail scramble through open terrain. BRING: water, sturdy boots, snacks and clothing appropriate to the weather. MEET in Vons parking lot at 9:00 AM at Big Bear Lake and carpooled to the trailhead. MEET & LEADER: DICK BANKS 909-866-6232

SEP 14-7:00 PM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE Hike Easy to moderately paced. Hike locations will vary. Between 6- and 9-mile round trip, 600 to 1200 ft elevation gain. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy footwear. MEET in Vons parking lot at 9:00 AM in Big Bear Lake and carpooled to the trailhead. MEET & LEADER: DICK BANKS 909-866-6232

SEP 17-10:30 AM CAR POOLING: Call leader if interested. SEP 19-6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE Hike Come for 2 to 3-hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is September 23.) Hikes are moderately paced. Hike locations will vary. Between 6- and 9-mile round trip, 600 to 1200 ft elevation gain. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy footwear. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, on NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Bluffs. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADERS PATSY & DAVID THORNE 909-981-5183.

SEPTEMBER 30 – 5

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SEP 27-7:45 AM WILDFIRE PREDICTION GROUP MEETING Meeting Program/meeting. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. CONTACT: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>

SEP 29-7:00 PM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE Hike Join us on our monthly, easy to moderate hike of the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve. It will be a 5 to 6 mile hike. MEET: I am changing the venue slightly for the Sept. 29th. Hikes instead of meeting at the hidden valley trailhead as we have in the past, we will meet at the Visitor Center. There are some great trails on the eastern section of the reserve and I thought this would be a good time to check them out. BRING plenty of water, a snack, wear comfortable shoes and do not forget the sunscreen. COST: There is a $2 day use fee. Rain Cancels. RSVP & LEADER: BOB AUBERT (951) 302-1699 <bob.rakesh@62@gmail.com> - SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

SEPTEMBER 1-30

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SEP 29 (SAT) 7:00 AM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXOM  MEETING  Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK EKSTED (951) 354-3226 (rickstev322@msn.com).  CHAPERS

OCT 2 (SAT) 8:00 AM  SB MTS, LITTLE BEAR CREEK TRAIL WORK  MEETING  We will repair water bars on the steep section of trail about one mile from start. Tools provided. WEAR: hiking boots, water. MEET at the Big Bear Performing Arts Center east parking lot in Boulder Bay at 8:30 a.m. We will meet at the Visitors Center. There are some great trails on the eastern side of the reservoir and I thought this would be a good time to check them out. BRING plenty of water, a snack, wear comfortable shoes and do not forget the sunscreen. COST: There is a $3 day use fee. Rain Cansels. RSVP INFO & LEADER: BOB AUDERBET (951) 502-1059 <ob@rakahula@gmail.com>.  SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

OCTOBER 4 - 10
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OCT 4 (MON) 6:00 PM  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXOM  MEETING  Alpine Conference Room, 72738 Blue Jay Mall in Feb, Apr, Jun, Jul. Oct 1, 2010. Also Shady Creek Campground on Aug 7. 5 PM & at Keller Bar Dec 4 & 3 PM. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (951) 357-0015.  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 5 (TUE) 6:00 PM  VAN DUUN CYC TO POCO CYC  HIKE  Moderate. 7-mile hike with about 600-foot elevation gain on the Pacific Crest Trail through mostly shaded forest. WEAR sturdy boots, plenty of water, snack/lunch and clothing appropriate to the weather. We will meet at the parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM and carpool to the trailhead. Adventure passes will be required for driver's carpooling to the trailhead. INFO & LEADER: DICK BARKES, 909-866-9322.  BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 5 (TUE) 7:30 PM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER  MEETING  PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: $1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, redlands. DIRECTIONS: EXIT I-10 at California St. INFO & LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910.  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 5 (TUE) 8:00 PM  SAN ANTONIO CREEK CLEANSUP  SERVICE  Help clean up the trash left by summer visitors along San Antonio Creek. The cool waters of San Antonio Creek make for a very popular summer picnic destination. Unfortunately many of these visitors leave their trash behind. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimfloyd@fatradio.net (760) 249-5855.  CHAPERS

OCT 11 (MON) 7:00 PM  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP  MEETING  Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 27870 Highway 10, Sky Forest. INFO & LEADER: DAVE BARRIE, (951) 357-0015.  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM  CHAPERS 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@fatradio.net (760) 249-5855.  CHAPERS

OCT 13 (WED) 7:00 PM  MOJA VE GROUP  MEETING  Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling San, Regency Rooms, 17738 Francesa, Victorville. (One block north of Barstow Rd. on Redlands.) ENTER on northeast corner of the side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <cwhiley@netzon.net>.  MOJA VE GROUP

OCT 14 (THU) 8:00 AM  SPECTER-CARIN - HOLCOMB CROSSING  HIKE  This is a moderate to difficult 10-mile hike with about 800-feet elevation gain. We will be taking through both chaparral and forested areas of the Pacific Crest Trail along Holcomb Creek. Bring plenty of water, lunch, sturdy boots and clothing appropriate to the weather. MEET: For those from the Big Bear area we will meet in the cost parking lot of the Big Bear Performing Arts Center at 8:00 AM. We will meet others arriving from the Arrowhead area at the Post Office in Cedar Glen at 8:30 AM and carpool from the trailhead from there. INFO & LEADER: DICK BARKES, 909-866-9322.  BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 14 (SAT) 9:00 AM  JUNIPER FLATS AREA: ARRASTRE FALLS HIKE  MEETING  You are invited to join me on an hike to Arrastre Waterfall. Come and experience the Juniper Flats Area, which is a beautifully diverse landscape of mountains, canyons and waterfalls. The hike is about 10 miles round trip and rated moderate/easy. We will take time to enjoy the area and help to keep it clean by packing out trash left by others. Well-behaved, inquisitive children who love the great outdoors are encouraged to come along with their parents/grandparents. WEAR: plenty of water, backpacks, wear sturdy hiking boots/hiking shoes, layered clothing, hat and bring a hiking stick. Don't forget your camera and binoculars! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley at 9 a.m. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER <clcmwlch@act.net> or (760) 225-0730.  MOJA VE GROUP

OCT 15 (SAT) 8:30 AM  HILLS & CANYONS OF BARSTOW  HIKE  Come join other hikers and help celebrate my 70th year (co-led) for the Sierra Club and mountains Top Hiking Club. The hill will be an easy-going 7-8 mile hike thru the desert hills and canyons south of Barstow. Great 360-degree views of the Mojave Desert, San Gorgonio Mt. and the San Gabriel Mts. After the hike a celebration and barbecue at my house. I will supply all the meat (also vegetarian, meat substitute), bread and condiments plus all the cool drinks. You bring pot luck. MEET at the BLM’s parking lot on South Barstow Rd. across from the entrance to Barstow College at 8:30 AM. INFO & LEADER: TERENCE MCCRECKLE, 760-252-2194 or 760-612-1833 (cell) and <tare<jk_off@hotmail.com>.  MOJA VE GROUP

OCT 15 (SAT) 8:30 AM  DEEP CREEK HOT SPRINGS  HIKE  This is a hot experience of natural spring water, 106° temperature, that flows from the earth into warm water pools and cascades into Deep Creek. This is a 62-mile hike 900-foot elevation gain. This will be a moderately paced hike, but considered moderately difficult due to the steep elevation gain. BRING alpine water, snack/lunch, sunglasses, hat, swim suit, sandals, and good hiking shoes. MEET at the Big Bear Performing Arts Center cost parking lot in Boulder Bay at 8:30 a.m. We will carpool to Lake Arrowhead and travel north on Hwy 173.  RESERVATIONS, INFO & LEADER: ED CALDINGO, (909) 878-3813.  BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 18 - 24
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OCT 19 (TUE) 6:00 PM  SAN JACINTO VLY (HERM) CONNS COMMITTEE  MEETING  Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT SHARLE ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>.  SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HERM) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

OCT 19 (TUE) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP  MEETING  Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please see the Group with site www.sanjabergroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 884-5008.  BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 19 (TUE) 8:00 PM  LOS SERRANNOS GROUP  MEETING  Program: Australia 2010: Observing Birds, Wildlife, and Natural Areas of the Granite Belt, the Wet Tropics, and the Sydney region. Bryan and Janice Elliott will present programs about their recent trip to the lands around Australia. They took a month long self-organized trip this past summer to four major areas of Australia. Bryan and Janice focused on birding and observing wildlife in each area. They will show and discuss their digital images of the regions they visited including images of the birds and wildlife (lots of marsupial species) of the area. Areas visited include the Granite Belt near Brisbane, the Wet Tropics near Cairns, the Red Centre in the Alice Springs region, and the Sydney area. They enjoyed seeing and identifying more than 150 species of birds and many species of kangaroo and wallaby in the many national parks and coastal areas that they visited. Australia is truly a remarkable place to visit. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upham Presbyterian Church, Redlands. ATTEN: In. INFO: MARILYN MCNAMARA <mcnamara85@pomona.com> (909) 815-6799.  LOS SERRANNOS GROUP

OCT 21 (THU) 8:30 AM  CACTUS PLAYS TO SILVER PEAK  HIKE  A strenuous 4-to 6-mile hike, some of which will be cross country. Views of the Mojave Desert. BRING water, layered clothing and hiking boots. MEET at the V’s parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:30 a.m. Please call to confirm.  LEADER: ED WALLACE 909-594-9407.  BIG BEAR GROUP

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FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS

(Look in Calendar for Dates)

1ST FRI 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE 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: $0 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove Unitarian Universalist Church, 908 W. Center St, Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St exit from I-15. The church is on the left. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: ALAN McDONALD (760) 808-7567 (we don’t return calls) or email al.murdy@gmail.com

1ST SUN 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE
NON-SIERRA CONTRA DANCE (Note there are no dates in July, August or September. The next dance is October 3) Join us in an afternoon of contra dance to live music. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:30. Refreshments will be served at the break. Potluck at 3:30, so bring a dish to share. COST: $5 general admission. $7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please check the website to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don’t know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saint Episcopal Church, 1847 Terracina Dr, Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between I-10 & Central Ave. From the I-10 freeway exit on 10th St. go north on Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternately, exit at Central Ave., go south on Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE LOCATION: While the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside.
CALLER/CARD COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLUM (714) 267-4597 or emailed for location at sherlabc@gmail.com. Riverbend Contra Dance Website: <http://www.riverbendcalifornia.org/riverbenddance.html> INFORMATION: SANDY COSELL <sandy nelle@riverbend.org>
the peace and quiet in your home? How can the town or county suddenly re-route the main road next to your house or approve the massive changes without the requirements that we have seen start only to fail?

The Mojave Group attempts to keep track of this type of development in our area, but we cannot do a great job without YOU! These disturbances happen because nobody says anything if they do, they are only one voice. Working together we can accomplish more. Join our team – the Mojave Group ExCom.

Eye on the County Board of Supervisors – our Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt:

Supervisor Mitzelfelt is taking a much more proactive stand on the renewable energy issue and he is more interested in protecting the County’s ability to develop more of the land than preserve it for future generations. He is a member of the Desert Management Group, which is a consultative body of policymakers, land managers, and biologists that make decisions impacting future land uses of the Mojave. He is on the desert Advisory Committee set up to help the Bureau of Land Management with desert decisions. He is on the governing board of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) among many other committees and task forces. The MDAQMD board of directors thinks that we should do away with AB32 because this legislation (which fights global warming) will kill jobs, even if those jobs produce clean energy.

How does his office plan to prevent unchecked urban encroachment on our open spaces, such as the “High Desert Corridor” (http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/transportation/high_desert_corridor.asp)? If this corridor is for commuter traffic, will it have a rail-link to the LA metro system in Lancaster be the first consideration? What will the real and intended impacts of this freight moving project on the Victor Valley? What are the 42,000 jobs that it will create? What will the proposed private investors gain? What is the purpose and impact of the section east of I-15 through Apple Valley to Hwy 18 and why is Victorville helping to fund that section?

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support any alternative/supplemental transportation projects (which would reduce air pollution) such as a commuter metro link from the Victor Valley to the Inland Empire system of rail transport? What projects does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support that increase the use of alternative transportation such as bicycling, walking, bus and rail? When will there be a safe route to the Victor Valley Community College over the Mojave River and over the railroad track for pedestrians and bicyclists?

Clean Air, Energy, Jobs:

On June 2, 2010, SANBAG releases results of San Bernardino County Annual Survey (http://ci.victorville.ca.us/uploadedFiles/NewsEvents/NewsStories/10_Stories/SANBAG%202006-10-30_survey.pdf)

Environmental Issues — Lifestyle/Lifestyle

Lifecycle preferences and behavior:

Air pollution was the most often-mentioned environmental issue facing the Inland Empire today, and most are willing to see tougher pollution standards on vehicles even if it costs them more to purchase or lease their next vehicle. Three-quarters of respondents are concerned about global warming, and most think it has already begun to happen. About a third of respondents report using public transportation, ridesharing, walking, or bicycling at least once a month.

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support clean, green jobs in our county to replace dirty jobs?

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support retrofitting current houses and business with clean solar and wind energy to create local jobs and produce clean energy? What is the effect of this office have to advance roof top solar?

You probably have some questions of your own. Go on, write to him now! Remind Mr. Mitzelfelt that his position depends on the people’s voting system.

Contact Brad at the County Government Center: 909-387-4830 Monday-Friday, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5th Fl., San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110 e-mails for Mitzelfelt’s office are: SupervisorMitzelfelt@sbcounty.gov or dsikes@sbcounty.gov (Dawn Sikes, Constituent Services Manager). Is anyone you know still buying water in little plastic bottles?

We, the consumers, are being duped and we are providing billions of dollars to private companies for stealing our water. The Nestle Company (under the Arrowhead Springs label) has just been given final approval to siphon millions of gallons of water from the Arkansas River in Chaffee County, Colorado, despite resistance from the Aurora city government and environmental groups. Some people have been testing bottled water and found that Arrowhead does not always test best, and that sometimes the water has more contaminants than your tap water. The company will transport the “stolen” water hundreds of miles in trucks to Denver where it will be bottled (oh yes, it does provide jobs) to be sold (–around the world). Residents are concerned that the removal of this volume of water from the river and surrounding aquifers will have serious impacts for the watershed and nearby wetlands.

The decision to okay Nestle’s control of the water comes only days after the UN declared that access to clean drinking water is a basic human right.

But there’s more! An online National Geographic article (http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/spacescience/water-bottle-pollution/) states that: In order to make all these bottles, manufacturers use 17 million barrels of crude oil. That’s enough oil to keep a million cars going for twelve months. And, unfortunately, most of the bottles don’t get recycled. They are ending up in the landfill, in rivers, lakes and the ocean. Plastic bottles take many hundreds of years to disintegrate. Recycling one plastic bottle can save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for six hours. So please keep picking them up, and spreading the word about bottled water.

I find these little plastic bottles all along the Pacific Crest Trail in the Deep Creek Canyon. What did we do before the convenience of plastic bottles? We put water in canteens that we cleaned after each use and that was before the convenience of the dishwasher!

One Environment . . .

One Simple Way to Care for it.

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

How can you choose between the eagle and the buffalo? Between the elephants and the whales?

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 payroll deduction donation that helps every day to preserve and protect 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 lwfлад@eeе.ee.
Our Group Executive Committee decided to take on two projects that are slightly out of the norm for Sierra Club Groups. First, we have just joined the local Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce in their Non-profit category as an environmental organization. Most of the commercial businesses in the Temecula area belong to the Chamber and we decided it was a good place for the Sierra Club to be represented since many businesses in this area are looking for opportunities to become more “green.”

The second slightly non-traditional Sierra Club project we are planning is to host a candidate forum, along with the League of Women Voters, to fill three vacancies in the Temecula City Council. The forum will be held a couple of weeks before the November General Election and will be designed to give the candidates an opportunity to answer questions from representatives of the local news media, the Sierra Club, the League of Women Voters as well as from members of the audience. It should be a lively and informative event.

Here are some of the other activities volunteers are spearheading:

Teri Wagner, Group Energy Committee Chair

Local trails have become an important activity for our Group. The City of Temecula has asked for the Sierra Club’s support to help add to the existing network of trails through the city. We plan to meet with the City to assess the current status of the local trail system and to determine what part we can play in the trail expansion. Also, we are working with the Riverside County Trails Committee to participate in local trail restoration and maintenance in our area.

Also, the County of Riverside’s updated County General Plan will be released next year and it is scheduled to include a new watershed and arroyo management plan. We are asking local cities in our area to incorporate the county’s watershed and arroyo management plan in their own city plans.

Pam Nelson, Conservation Committee Chair

The Forest Service has approved the use of 16 miles of Cleveland National Forest (CNF) for the Sunrise Powerlink transmission line. Several organizations are preparing to sue the Forest Service over this decision. The decision by the Forest Service to approve the Sunrise Powerlink is precedent-setting and could cause many problems for adjacent residents, the forest habitats and other aspects of the Cleveland National Forest area.

I attended the Great America’s Outdoors Listening session in Los Angeles that was also attended by President Obama. President Obama was there to hear the public’s opinion on how the outdoors can be conserved and protected. The major emphasis of the meeting was how to connect people with nature. If you want to make comments, go to www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors.

I also attended the CNRCC in LA where I helped present the Grizzly Bear National Monument Resolution that creates protection for our Group’s westernly “backbone,” the Trabuco District of the Cleveland National Forest (Santa Ana Mountains). The Santa Ana Mountain Task Force authored it by editing Rick Halsey’s (CA Chaparral Institute) original proposal. It passed easily.

Please contact me if you have questions about any of these events or if you have a particular environmental concern. You can reach me at (pamelao5sn@peoplepc.com).

Bob Audibert, Group Outings Committee Chair

We have a lot of great hikes planned for September and October. For complete details on these hikes, check out the Calendar of Outings section in this newspaper.

On September 11 (Sat) at 9:00 am, join us at the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve. It will be an easy 5.5 to 6.0 mile moderate hike.

On October 2 (Sat) at 9:00 am we again visit the Santa Rosa Reserve. Again, it will be an easy to moderate 5.5 to 6.0 mile hike. Then on October 24 (Sun) at 9:00 am we will hike the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, located in Escondido. This is a moderately difficult hike of about 5.5 miles. Along the trail you will experience some great views of the newly constructed Olivenhain Dam and Reservoir as well as Lake Hodges and the surrounding hills.

For information contact me at (951)302-1059 or bob.takeahike1@gmail.com and check out our web site at www.sierraclubsmg.org.

Laurie Webster, Group Activities Committee Chair

In August we tried something different. Concerned about uncomfortably warm outdoor temperatures at lower elevations, we headed for the hills, specifically to nearby Palomar Mountain. There we toured the legendary Palomar Observatory. What made this activity a little different was the fact we combined our event with Bob Audibert of the Outings Committee and his hikers. So while we were touring the Observatory, Bob and his gang were out hiking the local trails. Then we all gathered for a picnic afterwards. Some of the hikers even stayed and took a later Observatory tour. So it was a great event for everyone.

Lynn Davis, Group Program & Fundraising Committee Chair

Our “SIERRA SUNDAY” fundraising event scored a “home run” on July 25th at the Shadow Mountain Vineyard and Winery near Warner Springs! Refreshed by Pacific Coastal Range breezes, SMG members and guests honored our motto of “sipping, savoring & socializing” with generous samplings of award-winning wines, delicious foods and the enchanting sounds of flamenco guitarist Eugene Cordero. Owner/winemaker Alex McGearry entertained and informed an attentive audience with lively facts and anecdotes from his decades of experience in making and marketing his consistently top-rated wines.

Our signature raffle to support SMG’s local programs was made possible by the generous donation of goods and services from the following Temecula merchants: BJ’s Brewhouse, Marie Callender’s, Pat ‘n’ Oscar’s, The Oaks of Rainbow Restaurant, Romano’s Macaroni Grill, Rosa’s Cantina, Old Town Spice Merchants and Stringer’s Gift Baskets.

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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SEP 3 (FRI) 6:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

Join us for an evening of 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, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 <lgseekins@sbcglobal.net> or LARRY POWELL 909-864-2308

SEP 15 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDIENCE SOCIETY MEETING

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDIENCE SOCIETY

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernadino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MENEY, (714) 779-2201.

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SEP 21 (TUR) 6:30 PM OPEN SPACE MEETING

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The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a Hike to Lake Perris on Saturday, September 25. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Ridgecrest Elementary School, 28500 John F. Kennedy Drive. The hike is seven miles round trip; degree of difficulty is moderate. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

The Moreno Valley Group has many issues to follow, and we are looking for more volunteers. Any amount of time you could contribute would be appreciated. For more information about our group and volunteering with the Moreno Valley Group, contact Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150, Theresa Carson, (951) 242-4752 or George Hague at (951) 924-0812 or e-mail us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com.