On Sunday, August 16th, the chapter honored Eduardo Garcia with its 2015 Political Leadership Award at the “This Land is Our Land” event at Chino Hills State Park. The award was presented by Representative Norma Torres on our behalf. This is the first year that the San Gorgonio Chapter has officially been part of the annual Political Action Committee fundraiser put on by the Angeles Chapter to benefit the political activities of all the chapters in the state. The San Diego Chapter was also included and I’m hopeful we can have a much more robust turnout by our members for the event when it is held next year. It’s a great opportunity to talk and mingle with the political leadership of southern California.

It’s an off year for elections, but many municipalities and special districts hold elections in even numbered years. These elections are important to those of us in the Sierra Club, as the people who win these elections often move on to run for higher political office and become much more important in influencing policy on those issues we find critical to our environmental goals. Because there are so many cities and special districts in our Chapter area, the Political Committee has determined that we don’t have the volunteer resources at the Chapter level to engage in an endorsement process in those races unless a Group steps up to take the initiative. This year, we hope to be involved with only three, but we are hopeful that there will be more interest in them next year. For the 2015 fall elections, we are looking at the San Bernardino City Council, Palm Springs City Council and Mayor and the Desert Water Agency Board.

Finally, these are three pieces of legislation which the Sierra Club California Legislative Committee has put at the top of their list to get passed into law before this Legislature adjourns for the year: SB 350, SB 788 and AB 243. SB 350 is often referred to as “50-50-50” by 2030.” The bill sets ambitious, but achievable goals to lead the nation in fighting climate change. The first “50” is a 50% renewable portfolio standard. Requires energy companies to purchase 50% of their energy from renewable sources, meaning cleaner air, jobs and climate benefits. The second “50” is a 50% reduction in the use of petroleum. The benefits are obvious. And the third “50” is a 50% increase in energy efficiency in buildings.

SB 788 would close the loophole in existing law to prevent oil companies from drilling off the Santa Barbara coast. AB 243 would require farmers, who are growing legal medical marijuana, to follow the same rules and regulations that are required of all other agricultural growers in the state and require them to repair the environmental damage that they have already created, such as stream diversions and riparian damage.

If you can call or write your legislator on these issues right away, we have a good chance of getting them passed this year. SB 350 and 788 have passed the Senate and are now in the Assembly and AB 243 has passed the Assembly and is now awaiting action in the Senate. Let’s turn the Inland Empire Green!!

Warehouse Plans Impact Critical Wildlife Corridor in Calimesa

By Nancy Carroll, Chair; Bonnie Stewart, Communication Manager; No Way Gateway; and Sierra Club’s George Hague

The warehouse bubble is the greatest threat to Southern California wildlife since the housing boom of the fifties and sixties. George Hague, Moreno Valley Sierra Club Group Conservation Chair explains it this way, “Wildlife corridors protect ecosystem health by allowing animals and plants to migrate between habitat areas. Too many decision making bodies are allowing urbanization to create islands of habitat that eventually leads to the death of the fauna that are isolated. These important linkages also facilitate gene flow and the inevitable need for climate disruption adaptation.”

There is no area immune from the slash of industrial warehouses and the hard fought battle for a wildlife corridor that connects San Timoteo Canyon to the San Bernardino Mountains through Cherry Valley and Calimesa is no exception. It is to be an approximately 2 million square foot warehouse and the truck traffic count will be approximately 1,000 trucks every 24 hours.

The proposed Gateway/San Gorgonio warehouse in Cherry Valley would effectively eliminate that wildlife corridor. One picture in this article shows the actual culvert that provides wildlife access to and from San Bernardino Mountains and San Timoteo Canyon. This pinch point (the narrow connection necessary for wildlife migratory path access) would be broken and then there are no “do overs.” The result is isolated islands of wildlife which deteriorate with inbreeding, compromised nesting/birthing locations, disruptions of key relationships among species, decreased diversity and increased disruptions of key relationships among species, decreased diversity and increased intrusions into residential neighborhoods. Absence of this wildlife corridor spells doom for the fragile ecosystem balance.

The City of Calimesa deemed with pride over their leadership in protecting small swaths of land in collaboration with the Center for Biological Diversity and the San Bernardino Audubon Society by setting out these wildlife corridors. This success is now threatened.
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An Upclose Look at Costa Rica and Ecuador at Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, September 1st
E ngjoy an evening with Mike and Jan Millspaugh as they present their recent trip to Costa Rica and Ecuador, In Costa Rica, they visited Tortuguero, Arenal, and Monte Verde, which included rivers, rain forests, and an abundance of wildlife and plants.

In Ecuador, they visited Quito and the Galapagos Islands, which included exotic animals in pristine environments and incredible views.

The meeting is Tuesday, September 1st, at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Their photos are worth coming to see!

We hope you can make this meeting!
CALIFORNIA OUTINGS CALENDAR:
DEADLINE: Items for the November/December 2015 Calendar are due by October 1, 2015.
FORMAT items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.
OUTINGS: Send outings write-ups to your group or section Outings Chair.
MEETINGS & other events: Send electronically to bark@sierraclub.org or call (909) 337-0313.
L A D D  S E E K I N S  leave any group or section.

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS
All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, & experience for the Outings they lead. LEADERS may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader’s rules. Participants should CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.

WHAT TO BRING
Many Outings specify items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have participation with the Leader. Often the TEN ESSENTIALS are required. They are: 1) map, 2) compass, 3) flashlight, 4) knife, 5) windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case, 6) fire starters, 7) first aid kit, 8) extra food & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunshades/hat.

ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE
Most outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests require a Forest Service permit for each vehicle (Adventure Pass). They are indicated by ** in the calendar. Be sure to contact the leader regarding permits. The permits cost $30 per day or per $5 per day; permits may not be obtainable the day of your Outing. If you arrive at the meeting place without making arrangements with the leader & you don’t have a permit or find a ride in a vehicle with a permit, you will not be able to attend the outing. You are expected to share the costs equally with other trip members, or a suggested $.30 contribution from everyone for annual permits (above normal mileage contribution). America the Beautiful Interagency Passes may be used in lieu of Adventure Pass.

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

LIABILITY WAIVER
In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club’s outings, you will need to sign the following liability waiver:
Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility,
Express Assumption of Risk, & Release of Liability
I understand that during my participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards & risks, foreseeable 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 the inherent risks of such Injuries & Damages are involved in adventure travel such as the Sierra Club Outings & I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person & for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that these Injuries & Damages can not be resolved or minimized & that the Sierra Club cannot eliminate any, but I agree to this travel & 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 of this Agreement is held to be invalid, or otherwise 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 CLAMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, INNOCENCY & HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club leaders, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way, connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on my outing.

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

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

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 2, Apr 6, May 4, Oct 5, Nov 2.
INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP
(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM - SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com, (909) 800-3911
CHAPTER
(1ST WED) 6:30 PM - BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (760) 442-4103.
BIG BEAR GROUP
(1ST TUE) - LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, briannel1@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP
(2ND MON) 7:00 PM - SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP
(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM - CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate so we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kinfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385.
CHAPTER
(2ND WED) 7:00 PM - MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesa, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBer, susanqutinii.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP
(2ND THU) 6:00 PM - SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierrabc1smg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP
(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM - LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sanorgoniosierraclub.org/groups/los_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, briannel1@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP
(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM - BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. Information:穿过Group program information, please visit the Group web site www.s界第一bigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawkins. INFO: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (760) 442-4103 BIG BEAR GROUP
(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM - SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruzmaryann@gmail.com CHAPTer

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
MON 6:00 PM - RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK
MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117. CHAPTER
MON 7:00 PM - MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemach & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing & good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731. MOJAVE GROUP

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**SEPTEMBER 7 – SEPTEMBER 13**

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

SEP 8 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAP TER CONSERV ATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting monthly or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-3385

SEP 9 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJA VE GROUP MEETING
Beginners welcome! This is a hike starting in Aspen Glenn picnic ground on Mill Creek Rd. This trail takes the hiker through a forest of Jeffrey pine, white fir, and black oak. It eventually ends at Grand View Point where we can have a great view of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. RATING: Easy. It is a seven mile out and back hike with 500 feet elevation gain.

SEP 10 (THU) 5:00 PM PINE KNOT TRAIL HIKE
This moderate 3.5 mile round trip hike is located north of the Junks Jenks Lake on Mill Creek Rd. The trail starts at the San Gorgonia wilderness to Garnet Lake (9680') and continuing to Thousand Island Lake (9833') while viewing Banner Peak before returning to San Gorgonio via the Pacific Crest Trail. This is a 20 mile loop hike. RATING: This is considered Moderate in difficulty. BRING: The ten-essentials, backpacking and camping gear. MEET: Meetings place it yet to be determined.

RESERVATIONS: Contact Ed Caliendo, hike leader at dogs111@mcm.com or call 442-242-4103 or Co-Hike Leader Charlotte Watts (909) 866-7423 or mornscarpinite@gmail.com

SEP 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE
This is a “Peaks” of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks over looking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. The hike is 8 miles, 1,325 feet elevation gain. RATING: moderate/strenuous. Bring a camera to take panorama views of Big Bear Lake. MEET: At the Vons Shopping Center, Big Bear Lake at 8:00 a.m. or at the trailhead at 8:30 a.m. We will carpool to the trailhead. BRING: the ten essentials, a minimum of 2 liters of water, snacks, hiking poles and wear layered clothing, comfortable hiking shoes and hat. Don’t forget your camera and binoculars! For more details contact LEADER: Jenny Wilder at Jenosxais@aol.com or 760 220 0730 or CO-LEADER: Carol Snubbeifeld at yorkshirerose1@juno.com or 760 964 0035

SEP 13 (THU) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
HIKE Moderate 4 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and the wooded arroyo. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. BRING: flash light, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs Rd., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.

SEP 13 (THU) 5:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, briannelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM WATERSFALL TO BOULDERS HIKE
Come and enjoy a short hike to Arrastre Waterfall in the Juniper Flats Area just south of Apple Valley. There may be no surface water, but the vegetation is lush and cool for the hike. Bring a picnic basket with plenty of water and snacks. MEET: Meet at the start of the trailhead. BRING: 3 liters of water, snacks, hiking poles and wear layered clothing, comfortable hiking shoes and hat. For more details contact LEADER: Jenny Wilder at Jenosxais@aol.com or 760 220 0730 or CO-LEADER: Carol Snubbeifeld at yorkshirerose1@juno.com or 760 964 0035

BIG BEAR GROUP
**SEP 17 (THU) 6:30 PM**  BIG BEAR GROUP  MEETING  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit http://www.sierrachapterbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Lake, California. 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CLANDO, dogs111@msn.com, (760) 442-3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 17 (THU) 5:00 PM**  HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE  
Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and the wooded arroyo. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. Bring flashlighters, water and sturdy shoes. Meet at the Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, and 4 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Judy Atkinson, at (909) 289-1373 or djdkj57@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 18 (FRI) 6;30 AM**  CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8589 ft), 12.5 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1/2 mile under a canopy of oak, alder, cedar, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for contacting and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us or 909-983-8501. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**SEP 19 (SAT) 8:00 AM**  OZZIE'S TRAIL HIKE  
This is a moderate hike with a gradual 1000 ft. elevation gain at the beginning. It takes you to a point of the lovely Juniper Flats area with wonderful views across the Mojave Desert to the north. BRING: Water, snacks, a camera and wear strong shoes. Meet: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8AM. LEADER: Norman Bossum, 760-912-3725, coachnorn@yahoo.com for further details. Prior registration is not necessary. MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP 19 (SAT) 9:00 AM**  S B MTNS, GRAY'S PEAK HIKE  
A moderate enjoyable trail to the summit of Gray's Peak at 7,952 ft. Elevation gain: 1,200 ft., 6 miles round trip. Good views of Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains. BRING Lunch, 2 quarts of water, jacket, sun block. MEET at the signed Gray's Peak trailhead parking lot on the left side of Hwy 38 before you reach Fawson. Leader: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2366. Adventure Pass required. MOUNTAINS GROUP

We restart our Section B and D PCT hikes this fall with this hike. We have three Section B segments to complete. This is the middle segment. Starting on Fuller Ridge below the summit of Mt. San Jacinto, the PCT winds around the south face of San Jacinto Mountain 7.8 miles to Strawberry Junction, where we’ll leave the PCT to take the Deer Springs Trail 4.1 miles down to Idyllwild. Total distance is 11.9 miles, with 2200 ft. of climb and 3300 ft. of descent. This is a through-hike and will require transporting hikers, possibly with a key exchange, and high-clearance vehicles are needed for the 8.5 miles to Fuller Ridge. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the U.S. Forest Service Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, and 4 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun, sunglasses, hat, camera, and trekking poles. This side of San Jacinto tends to have gnats, so a bug net for the face may be a good idea. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Dave Melton, at (760) 408-2458 or dmemelon61@yahoo.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 20 (SUN) 8:00 AM**  BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE  
This is a “Peaks” of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks over looking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This will be a 7.5 mile hike, 1400’ elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: Hikers are to meet at Cougar Crest Trail Head facing a half-mile west of the Big Bear Center Discovery Center. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING: 2.0 liters of water, snack/hunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. MEET: 7:45 AM at the trailhead. BRING: the ten essentials, layered clothing, and 3 liters of water, lunch, snacks, and sun. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Susan Rios Rancho Apple Ranch. Park near the main entrance of the Montane Botanic Garden. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7935 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**SEP 20 (SUN) 8:00 AM**  PCT TO EYE OF GOD HIKE  
This is a moderate hiking of about 6 miles round trip sure to bring joy to those who attend. There is a strong possibility that participants will have to cross the river so be prepared to get your feet wet. BRING: Plenty of water, snacks and strong footwear. As with every outing, a camera is recommended. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8 AM or the trail head by the PCT on Highway 173 where it dead ends. LEADER: Norman Bossum. 760-912-3725, coachnorn@yahoo.com for further details. Prior registration is not necessary. MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM**  PISMO SGON GOROZHO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING  
Meeting to discuss governance issues. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The Grammarian, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUZ, ruizmaryanneann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

SEPTEMBER 21 – SEPTEMBER 27  Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)
Caribou, Birds, and Bears: For approximately 100 years the San Gorgonio Wilderness had not experienced a major forest fire. Until June 17, 2015, the Jenkins Lake fire began near Hwy 38, Bear Valley area. A total of 31,359 acres were consumed with 30 percent of the burned area either moderately or severely burned, equal to about 9,000 acres of forest land.

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Big Bear Group by Ed Caliendo, Group Chair

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Los Serranos Group September Special Meeting

In September, Los Serranos Group welcomes presenter David Jesse McChesney. David will be sharing his unique visual and audio presentation, “The Desert – Its Grace, Its Gravity and Its Grandeur.” This meeting will take place at a new location – the Chino Valley Water Conservation District facility at 4594 San Bernardo St., Monclair, 91763.

We are very excited to meet at this new location with easy accessibility, parking, and a great meeting room. You won’t want to miss David’s presentation in this new location for our meeting. Meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served – bring your friends and neighbors!

David Jesse McChesney, photographer, author and musician has photographed 55 of America’s national parks over the past 39 years. He has served as the advanced photo instructor for the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park. He is author of The Mojave Desert: Miles of Wonder and Muir Roots: At One with the Wild. His imagery is showcased at national parks and wildlife refuges, world birding centers, travel centers, museums and a growing number of nature outlets around the country. He has been published around the globe and is the recipient of over fifty awards for his photographic work. David captures the life and color of the Mojave Desert and uses his imagery to help celebrate and preserve the beauty of the land found there. He travels the country offering visual presentations, tours and lectures related to the desert, nature, wildlife and birdlife photography.

In 2012, McChesney travelled to Washington D.C.to speak to members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee of behalf of the California Desert Protection Act. In 2014, one of David’s images was chosen to represent Joshua Tree National Park in the National Park Gallery in the Interior Department building in Washington D.C.

At his home in Joshua Tree, David has developed a remarkable wildlife sanctuary, rich in flavor of the species’ which visit the Joshua Tree National Park. His property was certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation and many of the desert species found on this site were, quite literally, photographed out of his windows at home. David’s home has been visited by an Osprey and Lewis’s woodpecker, which are rare migratory species in the Joshua Tree Highlands. A harpist and composer extraordinaire, “Hurricane” David is known for delivering the blues in a world-class performance. His harp and vocal stylings have evolved over the years and after winning more than 200 talent competitions earlier in his career. David has been entertaining for the past 35+ years. His original-style, blues-oriented rock ‘n’ roll has been presented in over 2,500 performances since 1976. “Hurricane” David has recently completed a music studio and has his music distributed throughout the world.

In October, we will hear from our own Chair, Brian Elliot. Brian’s presentation is titled “Caribou, Birds, and Bears: Canoeing the Uukok and Kokolik Rivers of the western north slope of Alaska.”

A member Brian Elliott, along with family and friends, journeyed to the western Arctic to explore the Uukok and Kokolik Rivers. They paddled the waters during the summer months and experienced some of the most remote wilderness in North America and are renowned for viewing of the western Arctic caribou migration. Brian and his group documented thousands of caribou along with much other wildlife. Each river is primarily located within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, an area of national interest by the Sierra Club and other environmental groups who are trying to preserve it’s great wilderness and wildlife. Brian will share his photos of his trip and advocate for the region’s protection.

October meeting date is Tues. 10/20 at 7:00 pm. Location will be announced on the website and via email. We are finalizing details.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events!

Solicitation of New Board Members

It is that time of the year when the Big Bear Group solicits individuals who may wish to join the Big Bear Group and become an active board member. If you have experience in Accounting, Fund Raising, Environmental activities, Hiking Leadership, or Administration Support, please apply. All interested applications are to submit their intentions to Ed Caliendo, Group Chairperson, to email address: dogs111@msn.com. If you wish to ask questions, please call me at 442.242.4103.

In order to qualify, you must be a member of the Sierra Club and must be assigned to the Big Bear Group. Both of these requirements can quickly be accomplished if you do not already qualify. You must apply before September 30, 2015.

The open board position is for the years 2016 – 2017. If elected, you will serve for two consecutive years. Your position and responsibilities as an active board member will be determined at our first meeting in January 2016.

Join one of the most community active groups with College Scholarship Fund Raising for local high school students, active environmental activities, strong hiking program, monthly public meetings held at the Discovery Center with guest presenters, and a growing base of membership. Please consider joining the Team!

Los Serranos Group

Big Bear Group adopts a trail

The Big Bear Group adopts the Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve Interpretive Trail. The Reserve is a unique area that is well known for supporting extremely high concentrations of rare plant species – among the highest in North America. This Reserve supports the rare “Pebble Plain Plants” found only in the Big Bear area. Self-guided tour can be accomplished with an Interpretive Trail map available at the site. This Reserve is located on the north side of Baldwin Lake on Hwy 18. Free parking is available.

It is our goal to maintain this trail so that many individuals can enjoy the outdoors and learn of the unique plant and tree life in the Big Bear area.

Sedona, Arizona – A Beetle Dies for a Tree

A very recent development that has caught the imagination of the world of nature is the news that the desert pine forests of Sedona, Arizona are under threat due to the presence of the pine beetle. This beetle is capable of causing extensive damage to the trees, leading to their death and eventual removal.

Big Bear Group joins Big Bear Valley Ecotourism

The new organization of Big Bear, Valley Ecotourism will be helping to bring outdoor adventurers to the Big Bear Valley. Ecotourism will promote travel to natural areas that also conserves the environment and improves the well-being of local people. Ecotourism will have a positive impact on both natural areas and the local community. The goal is to provide positive experiences for both visitors and hosts.

On July 19th, the first Ecotourism Festival was held at the Discovery Center in Big Bear Lake. The Big Bear Group had a welcoming booth promoting membership within the Sierra Club.

For more information, please contact Ed Caliendo, Group Chairperson, at 442.242.4103. Dogs111@msn.com
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his year the Mojave Group has two positions open on the executive committee: Carol Willey’s who has served as Vice Chair and Bill Spreng’s who has served as a member at large. This year’s nominating committee consists of Sheila Garrison, Norman Bossom and Susan Stueber. If you or someone you know wants to be considered please contact Susan Stueber at (760) 900-5330 or susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com Nominations must be received by Sept 20th in order for ballots to be entered and mailed in the Nov/Dec Palm and Pine. Ballots must be mailed or turned in by Nov. 23 and the new members will be announced at our December 9th Christmas Potluck meeting.

Other news from the Mojave Group: Our SPROG candidate Amanda Sansoucie reported that the training…”was absolutely amazing. It was definitely more than just a leadership and campaigning training. The space they created offered so much comfort to everyone who was there, even without cell phone service.” I felt like the amount of information we were given was the amount that would normally take years of experience to gain. The whole thing was so insightful and heart-warming at the same time. It was beyond encouraging, to meet so many young and passionate people dedicated to making a change in the world.”

The early fire season meant no barbequing, motor homes and even on foot. They came from nearby mountain communities and from down the hill. And one even came from Ireland (by way of Massachusetts). The youngest was 3 years old (in a few weeks), and the oldest was 83 (in a few days) and the rest were somewhere in between. They slept in small tents, big tents, the van, a trailer, the motor home and even an SUV. They came on Friday (quite a few of them), Saturday (most of the rest) and Sunday morning (the last two to join us). And the occasion? The annual Mountains Group Camp at the Shady Cove campground at the top of the Children’s Forest in Running Springs.

We usually have our get-together on the first weekend of August but Leader Heather Sargeant was scheduled to be headed for Canada by then so we moved it to an earlier date (July 24, 25, 26) because it wouldn’t have been the same without Heather.

Eleven happy campers spent the night on Friday (it is usually 3 or 4) and most participated in hikes on Saturday morning before returning to camp to prepare for the Saturday evening potluck dinner.

The early fire season meant no barbequing, so dinner was cooked on camp stoves and we all envisioned Steve Farrell’s white gauze/you-pump-it Coleman stove sitting in the fire pit as a replacement for the campfire we were not going to be able to have.

Dinner was great with lots of choices for all – vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, sugar free, sugar filled, meat protein in many forms, water, tea, coffee, and a few mildly alcoholic libations. Two_ups and campers provided shade for us this year where last year they were needed for the rain that started in the late afternoon and continued through the night. It’s nice to have a little variety.

Sunday morning Bill Engs took his traditional spot at Heather’s stove cooking pancakes for all that spent the night or came to join us for the morning hike. We weren’t counting but we are pretty sure that Bill set a new record for pancakes cooked for a Mountains Group event. Thanks Bill!!

And speaking of Bill… he has been our Treasurer and Outings Chair for more than a decade and is looking for his current term on

the Mountains Group Executive Committee (Excom) to be his last elected office with the Group. (For now…) So, we are looking for someone in the Mountains Group that would be interested in replacing Bill as our Treasurer. There is some training that would necessary, especially year-end reports to Chapter/ National, and we would like to have a new Treasurer in place prior to those reports being processed this December so that someone hands on training can be done. If you are interested you can contact me (Dave Barrie) at barriemail@mac.com.

And while we are on the subject of replacing an Excom member, I would like to commend Sherry Noone for her more than ten years of service as Secretary for our Excom (ending this December) and thank Debbie McAllister for volunteering to take Sherry’s place. Yay to both of you!

Replacement and Succession planning is important (and difficult to achieve) so, if you think that you might like to fill a role on the Mountains Group Executive Committee someday, please contact me and we can talk about how you can help. (Dave Barrie, barriemail@mac.com)

EV (Electric Vehicle). Now you can charge 100-mile range or more in less than an hour and the networks are growing.

The “local” Electric Vehicle Association of Southern California (EVAOSC – http:// evaosc.org/) is hosting an event again this year. Drive Electric Day will be on Saturday, September 12, 2015, between 12 noon to 4:00 pm at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 Copley Dr. Diamond Bar, CA 91765. In addition to the main event, the EVAOSC meets at 6:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the SC AQMD in Diamond Bar. For their monthly meetings, they usually have a speaker, host a public demonstration event, or a video. It’s a good place to meet EV drivers, get questions answered, and to find out if it is time for you to make that switch to electric driving.

All outings for the Moreno Valley Group start up on Thursday, September 3, 5:00 p.m. with a Hidden Springs Hike. It is a moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Meet at Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs, Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. For more information call Christina Torres at (951) 318-7503 or e-mail her at cnt.teck@gmail.com. More group outings can be found in this issue of the Palm & Pine.

After holding several public hearings the city of Moreno Valley Planning Commission approved the World Logistics Center (WLC) at their June 30 meeting. Moving forward the city scheduled a public hearing for the City Council in July, but that meeting had to be postponed and was rescheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015. The city council could vote to approve the project later that same week. State and county agencies (California Air Resources Board, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Riverside County Transportation Agency, Riverside County Transportation Commission), and the city of Riverside submitted comment letters detailing deficiencies in the environmental documents as did the Sierra Club and many environmental organizations, unions and individuals.

Deadlines for the Palm and Pine make it impossible to have up-to-date information in our group news. To view the environmental documents, comment letters and response to comment, please view this link: http://www.moval.org/misc/wlc-deir.shtml.

Please check our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/ MorenoValleySierraClub where we post links to newspaper articles, documents and other news regarding the approval process for this project.

The WLC is probably the most controversial project proposed for Moreno Valley and the Inland metropolitan area.

The 40.6 million square foot project (the size of 700 full-sized football fields) will have severe impacts— increase in freeway traffic, truck traffic (approximately 69,000 vehicle trips per day), air quality (asthma, respiratory diseases). If built, it would share a two-mile border with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, home to threatened/ endangered species as well as more than 20 species of raptors.

If you are reading this prior to the council vote, please e-mail councilmembers with your thoughts on the WLC and if it is after the vote, please thank those who voted against the project. Jessica L. Molina, jessem@movval.org; Jeffrey Giba, jefg@movval.org; George Price, georgep@movval.org; Ysvian Gutierrez, ysvian@movval.org; LaDonna Jempson, ladonna@movval.org. You can also contact planner Mark Gross at markg@movval.org & (951) 413-3215 for more information.

Donations are still needed to help us as we work to provide strong comments on

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SEP 26 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SEC D CLUB CREST TO LITTLE ROCK CREEK TRAIL HIKE
This 8.5-mile hike combines the 8th and 9th segments of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Section D. Hikers completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch commemorating their accomplishment in the completing the 110.2 mile D section at the annual Patch party next May. The first 4.7 miles of the trail descends Highland Highway 2 at Crestwood Summit (7018') to Three Points (5885'). From Three Points, the PCT continues its gradual descent 3.3 miles to Sulphur Springs (5200'), and finishes after another 0.8 mile to Little Rock Creek Road (5604'). This is a shuttle hike and 4WD vehicle is required. More information will be helpful in transporting hikers from the end of the hike back to Crestwood Summit. RATED: Moderate, but the 1800' descent may be stressful on knees. BRING: The ten essentials, sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen), hiking boots, and layered clothing depending on forecasted temperatures. Forecast: September at these elevations may be quite warm to downright hot; you should check the forecast immediately prior to the hike in order to appropriate attire. MEET: Crestwood Summit is 4.6 miles west of Eagles Roost on Highway 2. Reservations: Email Hike Leader, L.J. Foster at eljayeff@verizon.net or send a text message at 951-845-9440.
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM BIG PINES TO VINCENT GAP VIA BLUE RIDGE TRAIL HIKE
This is a peak of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be given a commemorative patch. This is a longer version of the usual Delamar hike as it starts at the top of the Groessnack Trail, which is also from an elevation of 1375' above sea level. Start at the top of the trail and go down to the bottom. RATED: Moderate 8 miles round trip with a 1400 foot elevation gain up chaparral covered ridges with Jeffrey and Pinyon pine. Along the way, we will view Greyback Ridge and the slopes of Grinnell Mountain with views of the upper Santa Ana river then toward the end of the hike we will descend into the forested canyon of Wildhorse Creek. The creek usually runs all year so we may be able to enjoy lovely spot for lunch. RATING: Moderate. MEET: At the Wildhorse Creek Trail on Hwy 38. The trail marker will be near the turnoff. Please park in front of the trail head if you are coming up from the Redlands area, on the right if coming from Big Bear. R-in-se of the Heart Bear Campground. Weather Forecast: Average temps in Sept. range from 50 to 75. BRING: Ten essentials, energy snacks and lunch, 2-3 liters of water, sun protection (sunscreen, hat, long-sleeve shirt), and layers for variable temperatures. RESERVATIONS: Email Apprentice Hike Leader Sharon Nardozza, snardozza@cox.net or leave a message at (760) 685-5321, or contact Co-Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo at dogs111@msn.com or call (909) 236-3424.
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 26 (SUN) 6:15PM SUCOMA CANYON PARK FULL MOON HIKE
This hike combines two lesser-known parts of the park. The first portion is located in between Canyon Grove Drive and the 215/600 freeway. The second portion is located in the section of the park that is north of the 215 freeway. From the canyon entrance in the canyon go 0.6 mile to the trailhead. RATED: Easy, 3.3 miles and 1574 feet gain. Along the way as an option we will summit Mt Williamson (8244') which will add 1.5 miles and 300 ft gain. Contact Joe Whyte at 909-949-0899 or whytejo@msn.com for carpooling and meeting place info. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 27 (WED) 5:00 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 5:00. BRING: water, flashlight and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cm.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

SEP 27 (TUE) 8:00 AM VINCENT GAP & ISILIP SADDLE TO EAGLES ROOST HIKE
This should be a perfect autumn hike in the mountains above Wrightwood. The first section is from Vincent Gap (6555) to Inspiration Point (7386) a total of 4.6 miles with a gain of 900 feet. The trail is a faint path to the Ilisip Saddle (6290), a total of 3.8 miles and 1574 feet gain. Along the way as an option we will summit Mt Williamson (8244') which will add 1.5 miles and 300 ft gain. Contact Joe Whyte at 909-949-0899 or whytejo@msn.com for carpooling and meeting place info. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 28 (TUE) 9:00 AM CHANTRY FLAT HIKE
This will be a moderately strenuous 10 mile loop hike from Chantry Flat, through Sturtevant Falls, Spruce Grove & Hoeegees Campgrounds, returning via Upper Winter Creek Trail. This is a very scenic trail following creeks, mostly forested, with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, lunch & snacks, sunscreen, hat, and layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at trailhead. CONTACT Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. Provisional hike for leader-in-training. Kathy Viola, supervised by Joe Whyte. CONTACT Kathy Viola at 909-346-9653 or kviola2626@verizon.net. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 3 (SAT) 8:00 AM MOUNT BADEN POWELL HIKE
This is a challenging 8 mile round trip with a 2000+ elevation gain, upper some 40 switchbacks along the PCT. At the top is a 9000+ foot and is not for the inexperienced. The reward is great views across the Mojave Desert to the north and the San Gabriel Mountains in all other directions. BRING: plenty of water, snacks, strong shoes and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11173 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8 AM or at the Elementary School, Spruce Street, Wrightwood at 9 AM. LEADER: Norman Bossmann for further details, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. Prior registration is not required. MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM WILDCORSE CREEK TRAIL HIKE
This trail is 8 miles round trip with a 1400 foot elevation gain up charparral covered ridges with Jeffrey and Pinyon pine. Along the way, we will view Greyback Ridge and the slopes of Grinnell Mountain with views of the upper Santa Ana river then toward the end of the hike we will descend into the forested canyon of Wildhorse Creek. The creek usually runs all year so we may be able to enjoy lovely spot for lunch. RATING: Moderate. MEET: At the Wildhorse Creek Trail on Hwy 38. The trail marker will be near the turnoff. Please park in front of the trail head if you are coming up from the Redlands area, on the right if coming from Big Bear. R-in-se of the Heart Bear Campground. Weather Forecast: Average temps in Sept. range from 50 to 75. BRING: Ten essentials, energy snacks and lunch, 2-3 liters of water, sun protection (sunscreen, hat, long-sleeve shirt), and layers for variable temperatures. RESERVATIONS: Email Apprentice Hike Leader Sharon Nardozza, snardozza@cox.net or leave a message at (760) 685-5321, or contact Co-Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo at dogs111@msn.com or call (442) 242-4103.
BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 4 (SUN) 8:30 AM HANNAH FLATS HIKE
Sometimes called the «Grout Bay» trail, this trail begins at the Gray’s Peak trailhead. We will climb the Gray’s Peak trail for about a mile. This is a great hike for kids as it is fairly level on its way to the Hanna Flats campground. We will hike approximately 4 miles, find a place to have our snack/lunch and then return on the same trail to our vehicles. This will be a moderately strenuous 10 mile loop hike. RATING: Moderate. MEET: At the Wildhorse Creek Trail on Hwy 38. The trail marker will be near the turnoff. Please park in front of the trail head if you are coming up from the Redlands area, on the right if coming from Big Bear. R-in-se of the Heart Bear Campground. Weather Forecast: Average temps in Sept. range from 50 to 75. BRING: Ten essentials, energy snacks and lunch, 2-3 liters of water, sun protection (sunscreen, hat, long-sleeve shirt), and layers for variable temperatures. RESERVATIONS: Email Apprentice Hike Leader Sharon Nardozza, snardozza@cox.net or leave a message at (760) 685-5321, or contact Co-Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo at dogs111@msn.com or call (442) 242-4103.
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OCT 5 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXC. MEETING
MEETING First Monday @ 6:00 PM at Alpine conference Run 27236, Blue Jay Mall on Feb. 4, May 6, 10, 24, May 4, Oct 5 and Nov 2. INFO: DAVE BARRIE (909) 337-0313

MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911

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OCT 7 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXC. MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT ED CALIDENO, dogsl11@msn.com, (442) 242-4103
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Palm and Pine

October 12 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28788 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: THERESE HODGE, (760) 337-6713. MEETING

October 13 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPER

October 14 (WED) 9:00 AM CLAREMONT TRIANGLE HIKE That's what I call East on the Thompson Creek Trail, North on the Pomello Trail and South on the Sycamore Canyon Trail to return once again, to the Thompson Creek Trail. This is a moderate 5 mile R/T with an elevation gain of only 800 ft. 30s on 1 outing – Wow! Please call LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or e-mail jwmarjw@hotmail.com to confirm by SEPT 8, 5:00 PM. MEETING

October 14 (WED) 5:00 PM TERRI PEAK HIKE Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1,000 ft elevation gain. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old dirt road to the top. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEETING: 909-402-4103 in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach Drive. Follow road for 3-4 miles, then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right side of road just past the huctrot, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com for carpooling and meeting place info. MEETING

October 14 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Franciscus, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgeway) Enter on Ridgeway side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STEUBER, susan@steuber@gmail.com, (760)900-5330. MEETING

October 15 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING Monthly except 12/20. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group website www.sierracubbigbeargroup.org, PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, dogs1111msn.com, (760) 442-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

November **OCT 16 (FRI) 9:30 AM S B MTS, CHILDREN'S FOREST, SEQUOIA GROVE HIKE An easy hike from the Keller Peak Road takes us to the Giant Sequoia grove planted in 1972. Distance: 3 miles RT. After the hike we will visit Keller Peak Fire Lookout. BRING: layered clothing, sun protection, snack, 1 qt. water. RESERVATIONS: BARBARA SANDER, SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 or <fsellis67@gmail.com> Adventure Pass required. MEETING

November **OCT 16 (FRI) 7:00 AM ONTARIO PEAK HIKE This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 6965 ft), 12.8 miles round trip with 3700 ft elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, cedar, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Ontario Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, sun protection, lunch, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes, layering clothes. JOIN MEETING

November OCT 17 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SECTION D VINCENT GAPTIO BLIPSBADDLE HIKE This is the 5th segment in a series of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Section D that was aborted in May due to snow cover and weather. Those individuals completing all thirteen sections of Section D will receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. This hike climbs steeply from Vincent Gap (6585’) 3.8 miles to the Mt. Baden Powell Spur Trail (9245’). The PCT continues west 5.2 miles along this high ridge past Mt. Burnham and Torrip Peak, before descending to Windy Gap (5858’). We continue to descend to Kirk Saddle (6670’) to end the day’s hike and
complete the 11.6 mile journey. RATED: Stressful. BRING: the ten essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET HWY 2 at Vincent Gap trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact Apprentice Hike Leader, Darlene Taylor (at) 551-243-0198 or daylumzre@verizon.net or Co-Leader Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com -- BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 25 (SUN) 8:00 AM  BEAR CANYON LOOP TRAIL TO SITTON PEAK HIKE
NIKE
Join me on a 10 mile moderate to difficult hike with 2150 feet of elevation gain to Sitton Peak, which stands at 3,273 feet and is one of the 7 peaks in the Santa Ana Mountain range. We will begin the hike using the Bear Canyon Loop Trail 3.5 miles to a junction known as four corners. Then take the Sitton Peak Trail 1.7 miles to the Peak. The hike is rated moderate to difficult as the landscape near the peak is a scramble up a overgrown trail to the peak. Although the peak is only 3.273 feet it has a commanding 360 degree view that includes the ocean on clear days and well worth the scramble. Directions: We will meet at the large parking lot across from the famous Ortega Highway. Lake Elsinore, CA 92530. From I-5, take exit 36A for the trailhead parking area opposite Shadow Hills Dr. (by the soccer park). Rain Cancellations. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmтек@gmail.com. -- MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 8
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly recurring Outings & Activities)

OCT 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
NIKE
Hike governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 -- CHAPTER

OCT 31 (SAT) 9:00 AM  DEEP CREEK, NORTHERN SECTION HIKE
NIKE
Hike Deep Creek, northern section. This outing is a 5 mile round trip which explores the Hesperia water ditch and the pipeline which was built in 1886. There is historical commentary regarding this amazing feat of engineering. There is only slight elevation gain but those taking part should be prepared to cross the Mojave River. Bring plenty of water, snacks, strong shoes and a camera. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725, coachnorm@gmail.com or cmt.teck@gmail.com for further details. -- MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 1 (SAT-SUN)  GHOST TOWN/EXTRAVAGANZA CARCAMP
NIKE
Celebrate Halloween by visiting the ghosts of California’s colorful past in the eerie desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp near the historic ghost town of Ballarat. Saturday, a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this wild west town. We’ll return to camp for Happy Hour and a potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat’s graveyard. On Sunday, we’ll make a quick visit to the infamous Riley townsite. Send $8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), home and work phones, email address and rideshare preferences to Leader: Lygeia Gerard, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, 760-886-2179. -- MOJAVE GROUP/PCNCRCC DESSERT COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 8
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly recurring Outings & Activities)

NOV 2 (MON) 6:00 PM  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
NIKE
First Monday @ 6:00 PM at Alpine conference Rm 27236, Blue Jay Mall on Feb 2, Apr 6, May 4, Oct 5 and Nov 2. INFO: DAVE BARRIE (909) 337-0313 -- MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 3 (TUE) 7:30 PM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
NIKE
MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-10 at Cal State; INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com, (909) 800-3911 -- CHAPTER

NOV 4 (WED) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
NIKE
Hike coordinates meeting place. CONTACT ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103 -- BIG BEAR GROUP

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**San Bernardino County Museum:** 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit at 10th Street at CA 30. For information on hours and visitors fees for Lake Perris State Recreation Area please see: www.laketiperres.com. The Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact will be recirculated once it is completed. There will be a September public review of the revised, recirculated Environmental Impact Report. The following activities, meeting & events are neither sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club.

**San Bernardino County General Plan Update (GPU):** The County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the GPU on Wednesday, August 19 at 9:00 a.m., County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside. Please try to attend and voice your concerns or support those who speak. The following link should give you the Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU) Final EIR with their responses to letters. It also has the errata to the Climate Action Plan and GPU. For information on hours and visitors fees for Lake Perris State Recreation Area please see: www.laketiperres.com. The Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact will be recirculated once it is completed. There will be a 30 day comment period once it is released. Information about the release date will be posted at the website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/divisions/projects/riverside/st3/truckclimbing/index.htm.

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**Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park**

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- **September 27-29** • October 25-27 •

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Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara, California. The cost, $615, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, and beverages plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and give evening programs.

To reserve space, send a $100 check, written to Sierra Club, to leader Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information contact leader: 626-443-0706; jholzhln@aol.com

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**Riverside County General Plan Update Final EIR Is Available Online**

Riverside County made available on their website (http://planning.rcfina.org/ZoningInformation/GeneralPlan/GeneralPlanAmendmentNo960IRN521CAPFebruary2015.aspx) the link for their General Plan Update (GPU) Final EIR (Final EIR No. 521 for General Plan Amendment No. 960). It will contain responses to our Chapter’s letter as well as others. At that same website you will be able to find a link to view all Planning Commission meetings (Aug 19th at 9 a.m. in Riverside and Aug 26th in Palm Desert) because they are now available for live streaming over the internet. You will also find information on the Climate Action Plan at the same site. The Board of Supervisors’ vote on the GPU is tentatively scheduled for December, which means you may still write Kristi Lovelady (klovelad@rcfina.org) to express your thoughts and concerns.

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**“The New San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and the Inland Empire” Featured at our October 6th Chapter Meeting!**

The October Membership meeting for San Gorgonio Chapter will be presented by Daniel Rossmann. The topic will be “The New San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and the Inland Empire.” Daniel is Senior Regional Associate for The Wilderness Society and has been involved in the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign since the beginning. In September Daniel will be traveling to Washington DC to work with Federal officials on various monument issues, including portions of the Monument in San Bernardino County. We will look forward to hearing an update from Daniel about plans for the future in this new protected mountain Monument in our backyard.

Please turn to front page of this newsletter for meeting time and location. We look forward to a BIG turnout for this meeting!

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