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Water Board election provides clear choices

On November 4, six candidates are running for three open seats for terms on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) Board of Directors (Water Board). (See related story on p. 12.)

Carmel Highlands/Carmel/Carmel Valley (Division #5) is presently represented by Zan Hanson, an environmental attorney and current Chair of the Water Board. In Monterey (Division #3), Kristi Markey, a public agency attorney, is running. Bob Pacelli, a documentary filmmaker, is running in Pacific Grove/Pebble Beach (Division #4).

These three candidates each were opposed to the massive (27,000 acre feet) dam proposed for the Carmel River. Their opponents supported the dam.

Hanson, Markey and Pacelli favor the building of a modest 8,400 acre-feet, voter-approved, desalination plant in Sand City. This plant would be under the jurisdiction of the MPWMD. It would be less expensive than the huge growth-inducing CalAm proposed plant in Moss Landing, favored by their opponents. CalAm's plant would be under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission, in Sacramento, and would be built without voter approval.

Hanson, Markey and Pacelli opposed State Senator Bruce McPherson's SB 149. This legislation attempted to take away the right of Peninsula voters to directly elect their own district representatives, and to directly vote on water augmentation projects. The McPherson bill also would have ended the MPWMD's environmental projects, including its successful restoration efforts on the Carmel

River.

Their opponents favored SB 149. This placed them in league with other opponents of local control (special interests), who were the moving force behind the McPherson legislation. Fortunately, this bill died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

This attempt to take over the democratically-elected MPWMD through state action highlights the importance of this year's Water Board elections. It is essential that we, the voters, retain control over our water allocation and augmentation policies. The alternative is to

hand these responsibilities to a German energy conglomerate whose only interest in the Monterey Peninsula is the amount of profits that can be squeezed from the area.

Three Water Board candidates, Zan Hanson, Kristi Markey and Bob Pacelli, support your right to control your water policies, and the environmental efforts of the MPWMD. Their opponents would take away your voting rights, and end the restoration of the Carmel River. The Sierra Club urges your active support: contributions, volunteer help, word-of-mouth, and your vote for Hanson, Markey or Pacelli.

—Rita Dalessio

FROM THE EDITOR**Autumn bounty**

Well, it's fall. Where did the summer go? We have just harvested our Concord grapes and picked the apples from our front yard tree. The grapes are easy. We get just enough to make grape jelly and squeeze a little grape juice.

But one little Gravenstein tree makes a lot of apples. With a hundred and one apple recipes I am cooking up a storm. So far I've made applesauce, apple chutney, apple tart, apple crisp, apple kugel, baked apples and sweet potatoes, apple-blueberry cake, and apple bread pudding. I'm looking forward to apple pie, apple kuchen, and more.

It is supremely satisfying to eat the food grown in your own yard. It is amazing what one can grow on a small city lot. This year we cultivated sugar snap peas, fava beans, tomatoes, pumpkins, acorn squash (volunteers from the compost), and yellow crooked-neck squash.

The gophers got the string beans. I'm rather relaxed about the pilferage and consider it a tithe.

Our little yard also produces plums and lemons and in the future raspberries, asparagus, fuyu persimmons, and oranges. Those trees and bushes were planted recently and haven't yet begun bearing fruit. You can tell I'm not a fan of lawns.

I take special pleasure in showing the garden to my 3 and 5-year old granddaughters and letting them pick a lemon to make lemonade. I want them to observe the cycles of the seasons and to understand where their food comes from.

Not from the supermarket. Not wrapped in plastic or in a box. But from the earth where someone stuck their fingers and pulled weeds and watered and plucked off snails.

I want them to appreciate that land is necessary to grow food, and it might not be a good idea to cover that land with impervious surfaces that prevent the water from returning to the water table. I also want my granddaughters to see that it's possible to grow vegetables and fruits without poisoning the ground, the air, the water, and ourselves.

I want to see them savor a piece of apple pie and smile and say with pride, "I picked the apples!"

—Debbie Bulger

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Invasive exotic

We always look forward to our Ventana. Lots of good info. But isn't that iceplant on your front cover?

Edna Vollmer
Santa Cruz

Stop unwanted catalogs

Yesterday marked the beginning of a season that seems to be starting earlier each year. I received my first catalog of Christmas items on July 18th! If you're someone who works hard to minimize the amount of waste originating from your home, the first holiday catalog is an unwelcome harbinger of future trips to the recycling bin. If you want to remove your name from these mailing lists, I have some advice to pass on.

Contacting the companies behind these catalogs and asking to be removed from their list has turned out to be only a temporary measure. The catalogs cease showing up in my mailbox for three or four months and then resume, probably after an updated list is received.

While companies must advertise to attract new customers, the volume of solicitations seems excessive. I was averaging a catalog about every other day. To be removed from direct mail advertising lists, send a letter including your name, address and telephone number to the following address: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008. Simply state that you wish to be removed from their list. By law, they must comply. There will be a lag time of up to three months depending upon how often the various companies sending you catalogs update their lists, so a little patience is required. Good luck and Merry Christmas!

Julianne Rhodes
Santa Cruz

Too many straws

I am writing to express my opinion on the upcoming election to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board. I will be giving my support to candidates that can see the "big" picture of what is at stake for the environment if Cal Am is allowed to proceed with its proposed desal

Ventana Wilderness Alliance leads Wild River Campaign

Help save our wild rivers

by Tom Hopkins

Hidden within the wild backcountry of the northern Santa Lucia Mountains and along Monterey County's spectacular Big Sur coast, are a handful of free flowing rivers and streams that retain the same wilderness character enjoyed by the native Salinan and Esselen peoples centuries ago. These rivers should be preserved in their wild free-flowing state because they provide clean water, recreation opportunities, scenic enjoyment, cultural resources, and are essential for the survival of countless species of native plants and animals.

Unfortunately, these free-flowing rivers remain at risk of being degraded with dams, diversions and other developments to serve our ever-growing population. Only one local river, the Big Sur River, is fully protected with both federal wilderness designation and by inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System. Even rivers within federal Wilderness Areas, are at risk of development because they are not part of the National Wild and Scenic River System. Such rivers can be dammed and developed by Presidential Executive Order. One only needs to consider the Bush administration's record of systematically dismantling 35 years of environmental preservation to understand that our local unprotected rivers are at risk.

To protect these rivers and streams, the Ventana Wilderness Alliance has teamed up with the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club and Friends of the River to launch the Ventana Wild Rivers Campaign. The initial effort of the campaign is to increase local awareness and to ask the public to communicate their support for the protection of these remaining free-flowing rivers. To facili-

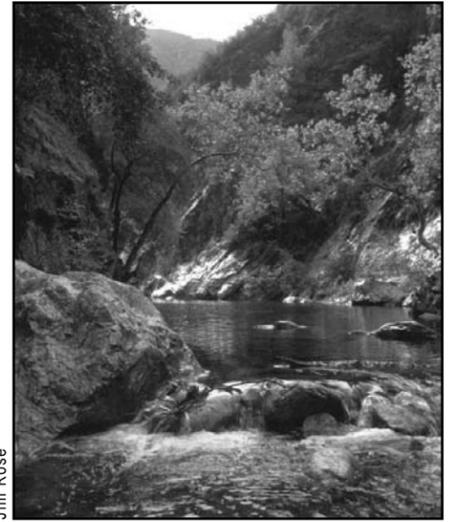
plant in Moss Landing. Don't think for one second that this is just an issue for Monterey County. This is an issue for any county that surrounds us as well. The proposed desal plant will be large enough to add many straws to the fountain.

Paula Lotz
Carmel Valley

tate this communication a post card is included in this issue of *The Ventana* that readers are urged to sign and mail. These cards, along with similarly-worded petitions, will be presented to our local elected representatives as the campaign unfolds. Please sign and mail your support card today to save our wild rivers.

Additional information is available at: www.ventanawild.org/projects/rivers/

Tom Hopkins is a founding board member of the Ventana Wilderness Alliance and a Life Member of the Sierra Club.



Jim Rose

The Arroyo Seco river, running wild and free, is one of many rivers that deserve designation as a "Wild and Scenic River."

Club suing Coastal Commission over Luers Barn project

The Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group with the support of the Ventana Chapter, has filed suit against the California Coastal Commission for its approval of the Luers Barn project, a three-story, 6000+ sq. ft. combination of building, decks and bridges on the Hwy. 1 frontage in Davenport.

The Commission approved the project despite several violations of the Coastal Act, including allowing a zero-foot setback on a riparian corridor of San Vicente Creek (50' buffer and 10'

setback are usually required). The Commission also ignored provisions of the Local Coastal Plan that protect the "Special Coastal Community" of Davenport. Commission staff had recommended the project be denied.

The Commission vote was 7-3, with McClain-Hill, Hart, Potter, Peters, Desser, and Woolley in support of the large project. Commissioners Wan, Iseman and Reilly voted against the project to protect the riparian corridor and adhere to the local coastal plan.

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ELECTION NEWS

Vote for Bustamante after you vote NO on recall

by Bill Magavern, Senior Legislative Representative, Sierra Club California

Sierra Club California has endorsed Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante for governor in the October 7th election. While we continue to oppose the costly recall, we strongly urge all of our members to vote on both parts of the ballot: no on recall, and yes on Bustamante. In the event that the recall passes, electing a pro-environment candidate like Bustamante is absolutely vital to protecting the air, water and land of the Golden State.

Good environmental record

Although in his early years as a Democratic Assembly Member from the Fresno area, Bustamante did not have as green a record as most coastal Democrats, when he became Speaker of the Assembly in 1997 and acquired statewide responsibilities, his performance improved dramatically. In 1997 and 1998 he earned a 100% voting record from the California League of Conservation Voters. Since then Bustamante has shown himself to be a consistent environmental champion. Sierra Club California, the California League of Conservation Voters, and Vote the Coast endorsed him for Lieutenant Governor in both 1998 and 2002.

As Speaker, Bustamante began to focus his attention on coastal environmental issues. His appointments to the Coastal Commission dramatically and positively changed the Commission's structure and focus. He helped increase environmental funding in the state budget by 19%, including \$15 million to increase coastal access, acquire coastal lands and to stabilize technical staffing levels to provide local communities assistance in complying with the California Coastal Act.

As Lt. Governor, he has continued protecting our coast and waterways through his position on the California State Lands Commission (CSLC). Bustamante has vigorously fought offshore oil drilling and has battled industry to ensure they do not leave their trash on our ocean floors. "I adopted a zero-tolerance position on oil spills," Bustamante says, "and became the only person in the history of the CSLC to exercise the power of the Chair to order an oil platform shut down."

Bustamante has used the Lieutenant Governor's office to advocate Sierra Club-supported legislation. He has backed bills to increase the state's use of renewable energy, to reduce vehicle greenhouse gas emissions and to close a

loophole that was being used by real estate speculators to drive up the cost of lands that were being acquired for preservation.

In answers to questions from Sierra Club California's Political Committee, Bustamante said that the three most important environmental issues he would face if elected would be "managing the impending water crisis; the increasing levels of plastics and other toxins in our waters; and air pollution."

His plan for water supply is to first focus on conservation and then "look to emerging technologies—including desalination—while maintaining public control over this valuable public resource." To improve water quality, he promises to aggressively reduce urban run-off and clean up our beaches and rivers.

On air, he pledges to fully implement AB 1493, the landmark greenhouse gas law and support efforts to ensure that polluters pay for the damage they cause to the environment. He also says he will look to legislation to reduce air emissions in the Central Valley.

Unlike Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bustamante opposes the Bush Administration's modifications of the New Source Review process under the Clean Air Act because they roll back improvements in air quality and create loopholes for polluters.

Bustamante agrees with Sierra Club that environmental justice considerations should become a standard part of all environmental review. In addition, his energy platform holds that the state should continue to emphasize conservation, while exploring alternative energy sources and expanding our use of renewable energy sources. Schwarzenegger, on the other hand, has made building more power plants the centerpiece of his energy platform. The actor declined to return the Sierra Club questionnaire. He reportedly is seeking a hurried retrofit of his gas-guzzling Hummer, but he can not so easily build a real environmental record—that takes years of actual work. Cruz Bustamante has done that work.

Addressing one of the key issues facing the state, Bustamante states that "urban sprawl is a serious issue that increases traffic, air pollution, water use and urban run-off, and decreases the amount of land we can preserve as open space. We need to create public / private partnerships to increase infill development and to create livable urban communities with broad public transportation options." The Sierra Club endorsement interview committee raised the sprawl issue with him both generally and

in the specific context of tribal casinos. The Lt. Gov. made it clear that the Native American tribes have sovereignty over their own lands, but expressed a willingness to consider negotiating with them on environmental issues if the need were demonstrated.

Bustamante indicated that he has not yet focused much attention on the issue of forestry, but that he opposes clearcutting. On this and other issues, he committed to listening to our views and making himself accessible to our representatives. His record and platform, along with this willingness to listen,

Debunking the myths behind the recall

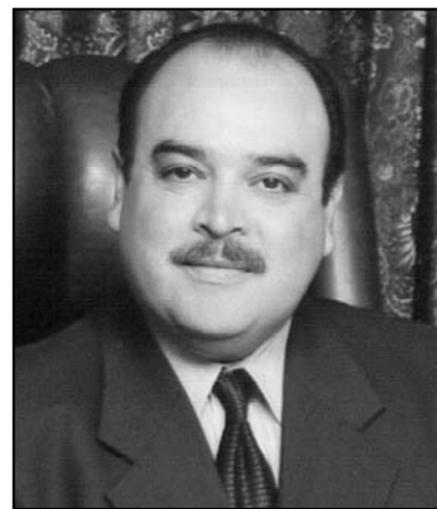
by Bill Magavern, Senior Legislative Representative, Sierra Club California

Recall proponents have loudly proclaimed that California's economy is moribund and businesses are fleeing the state to escape excessive taxation and regulation, including environmental regulation. But when one considers the actual facts, a much different picture emerges.

Is our economy worse than those of other states? "California has tracked the national economy over the last several years," says UC Berkeley professor John Ellwood. In terms of attracting jobs, California has "done a little bit better than the rest of the country," notes Kenneth Rosen, from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. Total civilian employment in our state actually hit an all-time high in August, something that you won't hear from Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom McClintock and other recall advocates.

All states are suffering from the Bush recession, and the facts show California right in line with the national average. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, California's 2.5% economic growth in the 12 months ending in June exactly matches the figure for the whole U.S. California did slightly better than average in percentage of jobs lost and budget deficit as a percentage of gross domestic product, and slightly worse in unemployment rate and growth in personal income.

California does have a fiscal crisis. The gap between revenues and spending leaves a structural deficit of \$9-15 billion. In the past, such gaps have been bridged through a combination of increased revenues and spending cuts, and Governor Davis proposed such a mix this year.



Vote for Bustamante after you vote no on the recall.

make Cruz Bustamante the environmental choice for governor on the second portion of the October 7 ballot. On the first question, we continue to urge a "no" vote on recall.

Presently, though, the requirement for a 2/3 majority in both houses of the Legislature to pass either an annual budget or a tax increase has allowed a minority of lawmakers who categorically oppose all revenue increases to block such a balanced approach. The Budget Accountability Act, which will be on the ballot in March, would make the fiscal process more democratic, opening the door to a balanced approach.

Are Californians overtaxed?

No one likes to pay taxes, but experts say that our state and local tax burden is 14th in the nation calculated as a percentage of income, and sixth-highest when calculated on a per capita basis. Interestingly, "the bottom 80% of California households by income (those earning \$80,000 or less) have a combined state and local tax burden that is below the national average for their income group," says Prof. Ellwood. In other words, our progressive tax structure compared to other states puts more of the burden on the wealthiest fifth of Californians— those who have received the lion's share of the tax cuts enacted by the Bush Administration.

Do environmental regulations cause businesses to flee California? On the contrary, California is still considered an attractive place to live and work, in part because of the beautiful coast and mountains that we seek to safeguard. Furthermore, Americans are more and more aware of the importance of clean air and water. What business executives would want to move to a region where their children would be likelier to contract asthma? What tourists would want to vacation at a beach so polluted that they might get sick from swimming in the water?

Vote against the costly recall.



Proposition 53 would reduce State budget flexibility

Sierra Club opposes Prop. 53

by Jim Metropulos, Legislative Representative, Sierra Club California

Proposition 53 removes budget flexibility without providing any certainty that the programs with the greatest benefit—including environmental benefit—will be funded.

Proposition 53 is a constitutional amendment that would set aside up to 3% of the state general fund revenue every year to finance a variety of unspecified infrastructure projects. It would be introduced gradually, starting at 1.3% in 2006-07 and increasing to a maximum of 3% in 2013-14. The money would be divided between the State and local governments. Projects might include repairs to state roadways and public transit systems and work on public buildings, bridges, public water and sewer systems, fire stations and hospitals.

No new revenue

Prop. 53 would not raise any revenues via the sale of bonds or by raising taxes. Instead the initiative would earmark a portion of existing state revenue.

Prop. 53 is the result of a deal to settle the 2002 budget debate. Keith Richman (R-Northridge) spawned the underlying legislation which the Democratic majority agreed to let pass in exchange for Richman's vote on the 2002 budget, ending a 62-day stalemate.

Proponents of Prop. 53 argue that the initiative is needed because of the State's deteriorating infrastructure. Although

Sierra Club California recognizes the importance of upgrading public infrastructure, we disagree with the approach taken by Prop. 53 and oppose it.

Prop. 53 further reduces budget flexibility

Currently, 40% of incoming general funds are earmarked for K-12 and community college education spending. Because of other earmarked funds, only between 25-30% of State revenue can be spent in a discretionary manner.

Prop. 53 is vague

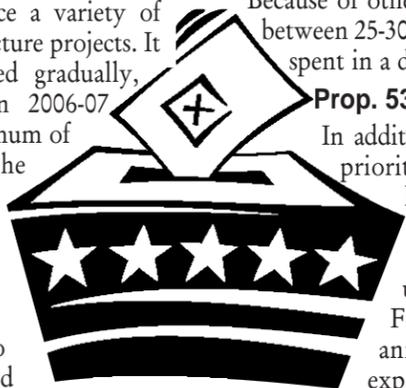
In addition, Prop. 53 doesn't set priorities for which state or local infrastructure projects should be funded. The initiative leaves it up to the Department of Finance to prepare an annual plan on how to expend the infrastructure funds. The legislature then

has the option of using or ignoring this plan as the legislature decides how to spend the money.

Prop. 53 threatens funding for environmental programs

Many environmental protection programs are funded by general funds. If yet another piece of the general fund is locked up through a constitutional amendment, the amount left for discretionary spending is reduced. Environmental protection funded from the general fund include the Department of Fish and Game, Department of Toxic Substance Control, and the California Air Resources Board.

Vote NO on Proposition 53.



Support environmental justice Vote NO on prop. 54

by Clifford Rechtschaffen

Sierra Club urges a no vote on Proposition 54, the "Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color, or National Origin Initiative." This initiative, authored by Ward Connerly, would prevent state and local governments from collecting or maintaining racial or ethnic data in their operations. Sierra Club California joins the other major environmental groups in the state in opposing Prop. 54 because it would undermine our effort to achieve environmental justice in California.

Proposition 54's ban on information gathering by state agencies would greatly hamper efforts to identify and document the unequal distribution of environmental hazards in California. Studies show that numerous environmental harms are disproportionately located in communities of color, even after controlling for income and other factors. These hazards include the likelihood of living near abandoned waste dumps that release toxic chemicals, living in areas that fail Clean Air Act standards, suffering from childhood lead poisoning or pesticide-related illnesses, and eating contaminated fish. Some of the most important demographic data on which these studies are based comes from the California Department of Finance, the Department of Health, and County Health Departments. If Proposition 54 is enacted, state and county agencies could be precluded from collecting these data.

Proposition 54 would also jeopardize programs designed to achieve environmental justice including a new law which requires Cal/EPA to prevent discriminatory siting and enforcement and to improve research and data collection for its programs, including their impact on minority populations. Proposition 54 could stop state and local agencies from identifying higher risks faced by minority populations who fish for food. Prop. 54 could stop analysis of whether proposed projects would have disproportionate environmental impacts on communities of color. Prop. 54 could stop targeted outreach to African-American and Latino communities where rates of childhood lead-based paint poisoning are several times higher than in white neighborhoods. Prop. 54 could stop research on the causes of high asthma rates among African Americans.

In short, Proposition 54 provides no concrete benefits and instead will only make us ignorant about environmental injustices that are prevalent in California and greatly hinder efforts to remedy these injustices.

Please vote NO on Proposition 54. For more information, visit the Coalition for an Informed California, www.informedcalifornia.org.

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Sierra Club Events

Friday, October 10

Potluck - Jiuzhaigou & Huanglong

This slide show is from George & Judy's trip this summer to China's most beautiful national parks, Jiuzhaigou & Huanglong. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own



One of the many waterfalls in Jiuzhaigou National Park in China featured at the October 10 potluck.

share and your own plate, cup, utensils, and serving utensils. We love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value \$4) make great contributions too. For directions call George, 335-7748.

Tuesday, October 28

Potluck - Nicaragua

Heidi Irwin will show slides about reforestation and water sanitation in Nicaragua. Bring food to share for 8 and your own plate and utensils. Drinks available. Carmel. 6:15 p.m. Turn east at Hwy. 1 and Rio Road; turn south at the last stop light at Carmel Center Place; park in the lighted area behind the Safeway and enter the side entrance of the mall. For more information call Marion Chilson, 624-3510.

Tuesday, November 25

Potluck - Seven Continents

Join Betsy Schwartz to explore different cultures, unique animals, beautiful landscapes and mountains around the world. Betsy has visited over 100 countries. Bring food to share for 8 and your own plate and utensils. See October 28 for directions to the potluck. For more information call Marion Chilson, 624-3510.

Friday, November 28

Vegetarian Thanksgiving Potluck

We'll celebrate Thanksgiving on Friday so those who have family dinners can still participate. We're going to let some turkeys celebrate too, so bring a vegetarian dish (main dish, dessert, salad, etc.) to share and your own table service. 6:30 p.m. For directions call George, 335-7748.

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Saturday, October 18

Membership Luncheon

Big Sur naturalist and historian Jeff Norman will speak. \$15 includes lunch. Hikes and walks at Mitteldorf Preserve included. Space limited. Call early. Joel Weinstein, 624-5338.

Friday, October 24

Singles Potluck and Games

Friday evening potlucks are a great way to begin the weekend, and provide an opportunity to work out some weekend plans with others. 6:30 p.m. Bring food to

Santa Cruz environmental video festival to screen winners

From October 23-26 winning entries in the 5th annual EarthVision International Environmental Video Festival will be shown in Santa Cruz. Thursday's screening will be at the historic Del Mar Theatre, on Friday the venue will move to UCSC. Saturday and Sunday's showing will be at Community Television on Pacific Avenue. The Producer's Party, featuring live music and organic food, will be held Saturday, October 25.

This year there are entries from nine countries including India and Ecuador. The festival judging is organized into issue categories. Director Michelle Martinez explains, "Unlike other competitions with industry standards such as documentary, comedy, drama, etc., EarthVision is organized into categories by ecosystem and environmental issues. Entries are judged not by the sophistication of the equipment used, or the size of



A scene from Canada's Great Bear Rainforest, which won first place in the Forest category.

the budget, but according to the overall success of the endeavor to create awareness in the viewer. The value of that endeavor to the Earth is of the utmost importance."

Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee member Lois Robin was a member of the judging panel.

Non-Sierra Club events of interest

The following activities are not sponsored or administered by the Sierra Club. The Club makes no representations or warranties about the safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service.

October 6-10

Rideshare week.

Link up with others and try not to drive alone. It might become a habit. The air and our lungs will thank you. In Monterey call 422-POOL; in Santa Cruz call 429-POOL.

Saturday, October 11

San Lorenzo River/Road Clean-up

Remove trash from the river, creeks, Hwy 9 & our downtowns!! Rain or shine. Bring gloves. Volunteering qualifies for school community service credit. Sponsored by the Valley Woman's Club, the San Lorenzo Valley Water District and Santa Cruz Co. Call 338-1728.

Wednesday, October 22

Free Teacher Workshop

The California Coastal Commission presents: Waves, Wetlands, and Watersheds, 4-6:00 p.m., Seymour Marine Discovery Center. Pre-registration required by October 17. Contact Annie Kohut Frankel, afrankel@coastal.ca.gov or (415) 597-5888. Attendees receive copies of the Commission's science activity guide. FREE.



Saturdays

Garland Ranch hikes

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District docents lead hikes at Garland

Ranch Park every Saturday and invite Sierra Club members to join them. An updated list of all hikes can be found on their website: www.mprpd.org.

Second and fourth Saturdays

Habitat restoration - Watsonville

Sponsored by Watsonville Wetlands Watch. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet in Orchard Supply lot at Green Valley Road and Main Street in Watsonville. Gloves, tools and lunch provided. Call Laura Kummerer, 728-4106 for more information. No experience necessary.

Saturdays (see dates below)

Habitat restoration - California Native Plant Society

Volunteer to restore native habitat in State Parks in Santa Cruz County. Wear comfortable layered work clothing. Bring water & gloves. Tools provided. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We work rain or shine, but, if things get particularly unpleasant, we call it a day. Call Linda Brodman, 462-4041 for more information. Email: redwdrn@pacbell.net. website: www.cruzcnps.org.

Oct. 18, Sat. - Sunset Beach State Park
Nov. 8, Sat. - Natural Bridges State Park
Nov. 22, Sat. - Sunset Beach State Park
Dec. 13, Sat. - Henry Cowell State Park

Reserve your place at the Membership Luncheon

October 18

Space limited

To order tickets call Joel Weinstein
624-5338



The annual membership luncheon will be held on October 18 at the 1,100-acre Mitteldorf Preserve in Carmel Valley. This redwood and madrone forest was purchased by Chapter members Harriet and Art Mitteldorf and donated to the Big Sur Land Trust for permanent

protection.

There will be hikes, lunch and a talk by Big Sur naturalist and historian Jeff Norman. The cost is \$15 for members and \$40 for non-members (includes membership). Reserve your place early. The preserve has a limited capacity.

O U T I N G S

RATINGS

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All outings begin and end at the trailhead. Carpooling to and from the trailhead is strictly a private arrangement between the driver and his/her guests. Carpool drivers are not agents or employees of the Sierra Club; the driver alone, not the Sierra Club, is responsible for the safety of guests while carpooling.

GLS = Gay & Lesbian Sierrans. All are welcome on GLS outings.

EXPLANATION OF RATINGS:

The outings described vary in difficulty from leisurely walks to strenuous hikes. The following explanation are general guidelines. (For more information about the difficulty of a particular hike, call the leader):

Walk: Between 2-5 miles, leisurely pace.

Easy: No more than 5 miles a day; slight elevation gain; easy pace.

Moderate: 5-10 miles a day; up to 2,000 ft. elevation gain; 1 to 2 1/2 mph; boots; better than average fitness required.

Strenuous: Distance variable; may involve off-trail hiking; demanding pace; for experienced hikers in good condition only.

MEETING PLACES

DIRECTIONS:

Big Sur Land Trust Parking Lot: 3785 Via Nona Marie, Carmel. From Hwy. 1 heading south in Carmel, turn left on Rio Road, left on Via Nona Marie, then left into the parking lot behind Monterey County Bank, opposite the Post Office.

Albertson's: Heading south on Hwy. 1, pass through Monterey. One mile past the Ocean Ave. intersection, turn left on Carmel Valley Road (Hwy. G-16), toward Carmel Valley. Go approximately 0.1 mile and then turn right at the light toward the shopping centers. Albertson's is on the right.

Santa Cruz County Govt. Center: This is the large grey building at the corner of Ocean and Water Streets in Santa Cruz. We meet at the corner of the parking lot that is nearest to the gas station.

Felton Faire: From Santa Cruz take Graham Hill Rd. toward Felton. Just after you pass Roaring Camp (on the left), make a right into Felton Faire shopping center. We meet at the edge of the Safeway parking lot nearest Graham Hill Rd.

41st Avenue Sears: From Hwy. 1 in Capitola, take the 41st Avenue exit and continue toward the ocean on 41st Avenue toward the Mall. Pass the main Mall entrance and turn right into the next entrance heading toward Sears. We meet behind the bank located at 41st and Capitola Road. **Senior Saunter meets in Sears parking lot close to 41st Avenue.**

MPC Parking Lot: Monterey Peninsula College Parking Lot. From Hwy. 1 take the Fisherman's Wharf exit, go straight one block, turn left and left again into the first parking lot, parking lot A. This is the site of the Thursday Farmers Market. Plenty of parking without a fee on weekends.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and 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.

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 7

SENIOR SAUNTER: BUTANO STATE PARK

This park with a creek and redwoods is inland from Pescadero or Gazos Creek. We'll start by the picnic tables and walk the road and Creek Trail. Shorter hike available. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool, and your share of park entry fee. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or at Mission and King next to Shen's just before 10:00 a.m. Leaders: Bob and Peggy Mitchell, 426-5374.

Saturday, October 11

HIKE: JACKS PEAK

2-4-mile hike with a different format. It's my intent to facilitate awareness and explore ways that we add to what we sense in nature, and ways that nature touches us. Meet at the end of Loma Alta Rd. Take Hwy. 1 to the 68 Hwy West exit then take Aquito Rd East. There will be two "Y" turns so stay on the right at these turns and proceed to the end of the road. Meet at 10:00 a.m. and bring water and a snack. Leader: Ted Hill 449-1953.

Saturday - Monday, October 11 - 13

BACKPACK: MILLER CANYON

We start at China Camp on Tassajara Rd. See old cabin sites. Our first night is at Miller Cyn Camp. Numerous river crossings to Carmel River Camp. Each night we'll prepare local crawdads with garlic & lemon sauce. Send a check for \$30 made out to Cathy Dezendorf. Note the name of the trip on check. Include a SASE if you do not have email. Email the following information: Name, phone, address, email, carpool preference. Parking limited; please carpool. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. Sat. Leaders: Henry Leinen, Hleinen@aol.com, 655-1948 and Cathy Dezendorf, cdezendorf@mindspring.com.

Sunday, October 12

HIKE: CHURCH RANCH

Loop hike through the Church Creek area below Tassajara Road. Bring an adventurous spirit for more detours in the sandstone outcrops. This hike features a scramble up through the brush at the end, then a five-mile hike back on a dirt road. 14 miles. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Bagel Bakery. For more information call or e-mail. Leaders: Betsy MacGowan, bmacgowan@hotmail.com or (415) 673-7239. Co-leader Suzanne Arnold.

Sunday, October 12

HIKE: POGONIP

Meet at 12:00 noon at the Santa Cruz County Govt. Ctr. 6 miles. Bring lunch and water.

We'll see the haunted meadow, kilns, and more. Leader: Sheila Dunniway, 336-2325.

Sunday, October 12

WALK: HATTON CANYON

A ramble up Hatton Canyon to enjoy the solitude and birdsong. We'll talk about our hopes for Hatton Canyon State Park and how the canyon escaped from Caltrans' freeway plans. We'll circle back through the Roundtree Arboretum and Mission Trails Park in the footsteps of Father Serra. 4 miles. Bring lunch and water and wear suitable shoes. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Albertson's. For more info. call leader: Joyce Stevens, 624-3149.

Tuesday, October 14

SENIOR SAUNTER: GARLAND RANCH

Gentle to steep oak-covered slopes take us to a fern pond and Indian grinding rocks. Return on Maple Canyon Trail to Cooper Ranch with farm implements and nature center. 3 miles. Dress for weather. Bring hat, sunblock, hiking shoes, \$3 carpool. Meet at Sears 41st

Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or at the park at 10:30 a.m. Leader: Roz DiNatale, 768-0363.

Saturday, October 18

HIKE: BLACK MOUNTAIN

North of Los Gatos, we'll walk on the Skyline Ridge for 8 miles with 1200' elevation gain. We'll look for late romancing tarantulas. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Govt. Center at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, October 18

WALK: NEAR GARRAPATA/SOBERANES

Feel like an easy stroll at Garrapata beach or a mad scramble up Whale Peak at Soberanes Point? Perhaps we'll combine the two. Either way, we'll gaze out at the ocean and enjoy the fall sunshine! Bring water, lunch, windbreaker, and meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Big Sur Land Trust parking lot (see directions at start of outings). Leader: Mary Gale, 422-697.

Sunday, October 19

HIKE: MOUNT MANUEL

We'll hike from Big Sur State Park. Strenuous 11 miles 3,000' elevation gain. Incredible views from the top. Wear boots, bring lunch and lots of water. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. to carpool. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422 or bruinn@aol.com.

Tuesday, October 21

SENIOR SAUNTER: SAN LORENZO LEVEE

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Gateway Shopping Center. We'll go along the river to the end of the wharf. Shorter hike available. Bring lunch sunblock, hat, jacket and \$1 carpool. Dress for weather. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or at Gateway at 9:50 a.m. Leader: Margaret Steele, 465-8565.

Wednesday, October 22

HIKE: MOUNT MADONNA COUNTY PARK

Ohlone Indians were the first to relish the views from this park which is home to redwoods, madrones, and oaks. Bring water and lunch for a 6-mile hike around the Loop Trail to the Camp Trail and back up the Ridge Trail with views over Gilroy. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at the park Visitor's Center at 10:00 a.m. Park entrance fee. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, October 25

HIKE: UPPER PEBBLE BEACH

8-mile hike through old Del Monte Forest. From Carmel Beach thru Pescadero Canyon, to Huckleberry Point, down through S.F.B. Morse Reserve, to Poppy Hills. Bring water, lunch. Wear good hiking shoes. Meet on

Carmel Beach at the west end of Ocean Ave. at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Stacy Smith, 625-5256.

Saturday, October 25

HIKE: TURNER CREEK

Beginning at Bottcher's Gap we'll hike 3 miles up to a saddle and then down to Turner Creek Camp for lunch. Strenuous 9 miles, 1900' elevation gain. Steep, hot, and possibly poison oak. Bring food, water, and wear hiking boots. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Saturday - Sunday, October 25 - 26

BACKPACK: VENTANA WILDERNESS

Strenuous, very hilly 6 miles on the Pine Ridge Trail to the Ventana Trail Camp. 1000' elevation gain. Limited to 8 people. Call leader to reserve. Participants need full backpacking gear. Leader: Jim Danaher, 458-3339.

Sunday, October 26

HIKE: PINNACLES

8-mile loop from the west side including Juniper Canyon, High Peaks, Balconies and Caves. Narrow, steep and possibly wet in spots. Bring hat, water, flashlight (for caves), \$ for hour+ carpool and lunch. Meet at K-mart parking lot (gas station side) in Seaside at 9:00 a.m. Rain cancels. Remember daylight savings is over. Leader: Andrea Phelps, 884-9705 or andrea_phelps@csusb.edu.

Sunday, October 26

HIKE: PT. BONITA

After driving to San Francisco, we will take the bus across the Marin headlands to the Pacific coast. After stopping at the Visitor Center, and Pt. Bonita lighthouse, we'll hike back via the Coastal trail to and across the Golden Gate bridge. 10 miles with 1000' elevation gain. Bring water, lunch, snacks, hiking boots and \$1 bus fare. Binoculars and/or camera useful. Dress for wind. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Govt. Ctr. at 9:30 a.m. (daylight savings time over); we leave at 9:35 a.m. sharp! Leader: George Jammal, 335-7748.

Tuesday, October 28

SENIOR SAUNTER: UCSC PARCOURSE

Explore the woodlands, gullies, trails and bridges through the area that was once the UCSC Parcourse. 2-1/2 miles. Wear good hiking shoes, hiking stick useful. Campus parking is \$4 per car. You can purchase a permit at kiosk on Bay Street (by Barn Theater - NOT Keller Street). Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or call leader if you wish to go direct. Leader: Maureen Maynard, 336-5293.

Wednesday, October 29

HIKE: BUTANO STATE PARK

Hike through this green park between steep ridges inland from Pigeon Point Lighthouse north of Santa Cruz. 10 miles, 1200' elevation gain. Sweeping ocean views from lunch stop. Bring water and lunch. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. to carpool, or at 10:00 a.m. at the picnic area after the ranger kiosk at Butano. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Friday, October 31

SINGLES HALLOWEEN COSTUME WALK

Meet at the Santa Cruz town clock at 7:00 p.m. Bring your tricks or treats. For more information, call after 11:00 a.m. Leader: Karen Kaplan 335-3342.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 1

HIKE: PALO CORONA RANCH

Hike on the Palo Corona Ranch, purchased

recently by the Big Sur Land Trust and others. 6 miles. Inspiration Point has amazing views of the coast then on to an overlook of the San Jose Cyn. Meet at Big Sur Land Trust office in Carmel at 9:00 a.m. Bring water and lunch; heavy rain cancels. Leader: Marilyn Beck, 372-6860 or outbeck@juno.com.

Saturday, November 1

HIKE: BUTANO FIRE TRAIL

We'll explore the Butano Fire Trail which connects Big Basin and Butano State Parks. Our trailhead will be near the Lane-Sunset Trail Camp off China Grade. 9 miles with 1000' elevation gain. Shade and sun so dress accordingly. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, November 2

HIKE: BLUFF CAMP

Let's see if there's any water in Los Padres Reservoir! Meet behind Brinton's at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to Princes Camp in Cachagua. 8 miles roundtrip across the dam and along the edge of Los Padres reservoir to lunch at Bluff Camp. Bring lunch and water. For more info. call before 2:00 p.m. on Sat., 11/1. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Tuesday, November 4

SENIOR SAUNTER: NEARY LAGOON

We'll start our 3-mile walk at Lighthouse Field parking lot, see the butterflies, explore Neary Lagoon, and have lunch on the wharf. Bring lunch or eat in a restaurant. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or at Lighthouse Field by restrooms by 9:50 a.m. Dress for weather; bring water and \$1 for carpool. Leader: Jean Harrison, 425-5447.

Wednesday, November 5

HIKE: FALL CREEK

Hike around this forested canyon to see lime kilns from the 1880s. Beautiful rock-lined creek, maples in a blaze of autumn colors, and an old water-powered barrel mill. The forest floor is covered with sorrel, ginger, Solomon Seal, and ferns. 6 miles. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m., or drive up Felton Empire Rd. one block from Felton to a right turn on Ashley, turn left on Farmers and park in front of the ivy on the left hand side of the road to meet at 9:35 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, November 8

HIKE: TERRACE CREEK CAMP

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coastal views from the lunch spot. Descend down Coast Ridge Road. Strenuous 10 miles, 2200' elevation gain. Wear boots, bring lunch, water, hat, and \$ for carpool. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Bagel Bakery. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

Saturday, November 8

WALK: SOMEWHERE IN MONTEREY CO.

Meet me for a walk or hike in the surrounding area, depending on the weather and where the whim will take us. Bring water and lunch.

Meet at Albertson's at 9:30 a.m. Call for more information. Leader: Harry Rocky, 625-7632.

Sunday, November 9

HIKE: CARRIZO TRAIL

Join Betsy MacGowan for a hike in the Fort Hunter-Liggett area of Los Padres National Forest. We'll start from The Indians and take the Arroyo Seco Trail, returning on the Carrizo Trail. Long and challenging hike with lots of brush but also scenic sandstone formations. 12 miles. Call for reservation. Leader: Betsy MacGowan, (510) 215-9255 (new number!) or bmacgowan@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, November 11

SENIOR SAUNTER: BONNIE DOON ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE

Docent-led 4-mile sandy-soil hike with a small elevation gain. Dress for weather, bring windbreaker, hat, water, lunch and \$3 carpool. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m.; Mission & King Streets next to Shen's at 9:50; or at lot next to volunteer fire station on Martin Rd. at 10:30 a.m. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 662-2434.

Saturday, November 15

HIKE: LOWER PEBBLE BEACH

Enjoy spectacular ocean views on this 9-mile hike starting near Asilomar down the coast to Bird Rock, then east through Del Monte Forrest, Poppy Hills, and the S.F.B. Morse Reserve. We'll go along Spanish Bay Golf Course. Bring water, lunch. Wear hiking shoes. Meet in front of the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Dr. at Asilomar Ave. in PG at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Stacy Smith, 625-5256.

Saturday, November 15

HIKE: PICO BLANCO CAMP

Strenuous 12-mile hike with 2200' gain from Botcher's Gap to Pico Blanco Public Camp to Little Sur River Trailhead. Short car shuttle. See probably the most beautiful pool and waterfall on the Little Sur River. Wear boots, bring \$ for carpool, lunch and water. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Saturday, November 15

HIKE: ALMADEN QUICKSILVER

Come to this fascinating Santa Clara County park. At one mine entrance, you'll get to feel 50 degree air which has been circulating for months in almost 100 miles of underground tunnels and shafts. 11 miles with 2000' elevation gain. Strenuous. Bring plenty of water especially if warm. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, November 16

WALK: ASILOMAR / PT. PINOS LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

World-class shoreline and a tour of the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the

west coast. Walk from the lighthouse to Asilomar to see dune restoration and boardwalk, returning on the railroad route. Tour begins at 1:00 p.m. after lunch. 3 miles walking plus tour. Meet in Pacific Grove at Point Pinos Lighthouse on Asilomar Ave. at west end of Lighthouse Ave at 11:00 a.m. Bring lunch, water, windbreaker and wear walking shoes. Leader: Joyce Stevens, 624-3149.

Sunday, November 16

HIKE: GARLAND RANCH

Moderately strenuous 6-7 mile loop with a very steep climb leading to awesome views. Bring hat, water, and lunch. Meet at Albertson's at 10:00 a.m. Back around 3:00 p.m. Rain cancels. Leader: Andrea Phelps, 884-9705 or andrea_phelps@csumb.edu.

Tuesday, November 18

SENIOR SAUNTER: LOVERS POINT

Walk 1-1/2 miles of the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail. Then either have lunch at the picnic tables at Lovers' Point or at one of the restaurants nearby. Bring lunch or \$, water, jacket, and \$3 for carpool. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m., or 10:30 a.m. at the free street parking area just past Lovers' Point. Leader: Grace Hansen, 476-7254.

Wednesday, November 19

HIKE: WILDER RANCH

We'll go up the Wilder Ridge Trail to the Old Cabin Trail and Wild Boar Trail. 6 miles, some uphill. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m., or at Wilder Ranch Parking Lot inside the park at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, November 22

WALK: SOMEWHERE IN MONTEREY CO.

See November 8 for details.

Saturday, November 22

HIKE: BUTANO STATE PARK

Strenuous hike in Butano State Park. 12 miles with 1000' elevation gain. Meet at Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:00 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Call leader after 7:30 a.m. on morning of hike if weather is dubi-

Getting to outings
Sierra Club encourages outings participants to walk, bicycle, and take the bus to outings meeting places.



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ous. Leader: David Williams, 471-2870, daw@scipp.ucsc.edu.

Sunday, November 23

WALK: GARLAND RANCH

Walk some lower trails to work up a Thanksgiving appetite. Easy pace; flat terrain. Footing can be slippery; wear shoes with good tread. Bring water and lunch. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the lower lot, 9 miles east of Hwy. 1 on Carmel Valley Rd. or at Albertson's at 9:30 a.m. to carpool (no leader). Hard rain cancels. Leader: Mary Gale, 422-6970.

Tuesday, November 25

SENIOR SAUNTER: COASTWAYS RANCH/ANO NUEVO

Kiwi picking time! Pick some or buy veggies and gourds. After we'll go to Año Nuevo for a level 1-1/2 mile loop hike ending at the Visitors Center for lunch. Bring lunch, water, \$ for kiwis. Dress for weather. \$4 for carpool. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m., or at Mission & King Streets next to Shen's at 9:50 a.m. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

Saturday, November 29

HIKE: TERRACE CREEK

Hike up the Pine Ridge Trail from Big Sur State Park. Then up the beautiful shady Terrace Creek Trail to the Old Coast Road. Lunch high above the ocean with great views. Strenuous 10 miles and 2000' elevation gain. Wear boots, bring \$ for carpool and shuttle, lunch and water. Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 a.m. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Steve

Legnard, 402-1422 or bruinrn@aol.com.

Sunday, November 30

WALK: SOMEWHERE IN MONTEREY CO.

See November 8 for details.

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 2

SENIOR SAUNTER: HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Join us for our festive Mexican Holiday lunch at El Torito in Monterey. Spectacular bay views. Afterwards you can stroll along gaily decorated Cannery Row or The Tinnery and do some holiday shopping. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. The luncheon will cost about \$16.00 which includes your choice of a meal from 3 special entrees, a beverage, taxes and tip. Reservations to Pat are required. \$3.00 carpool. Free parking. Leader: Pat Heesch, 685-8955.

Wednesday, December 3

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Enjoy a walk through this 640-acre expanse of open meadows, woodlands, and creeks that was once part of the Henry Cowell Ranch. We'll walk up to the University to eat our sack lunch and return through the Pogonip Creek Nature Trail. 6 miles. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. to carpool, or at Golf Club Drive entrance to Pogonip. (Park on street across from the truck and bus garage and walk to the gate into Pogonip) at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday - Monday, December 25 - 29

HOLIDAY SKI TRIP: HUTCHINSON LODGE

Our first ski trip of this season to Hutchinson Lodge, near Clair Tappaan. We'll have it all to ourselves. The lodge has 2 lofts for sleeping, a large living/dining room with 2 wood burning stoves, and a sauna. The cost of this long weekend/person is only \$96 for 4 nights/members. Non-member price: \$104 for 4 nights. Price includes all meals! (vegetarian available) X-country ski rentals and lessons available for a fee. Free access to groomed trails from the back door. Free shuttle bus to nearby cross-country and downhill ski areas. We'll all share cooking and cleaning chores. For reservation and trip information, send the completed form below, a check for the total amount (payable to Sierra Club) and a SASE or e-mail address to Hutchinson Ski, P.O.

Box 604, Santa Cruz 95061. Mail-in reservations must be received by December 17. Information will be mailed to you on Dec. 19. Space is limited. Refunds for cancellations are 100% before Dec. 19, 50% by Dec. 23, none after the 23rd. For more details call leader, George Jammal, 335-7748.

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Bush Administration holds on to Cheney Energy Task Force secrets

Administration asking for Supreme Court hearing

In yet another tactic designed to delay the Sierra Club's suit against the secret Cheney Energy Task Force, the Bush Administration filed papers with the U.S. Court of Appeals announcing that they will ask the Supreme Court to review the case.

Ventana readers will remember that the Club is seeking release of documents related to Vice President Dick Cheney's Energy Task Force including information regarding who participated in the Task Force. The judiciary has told the White House four times to make the information public.

"At some point, the Bush Administration is going to have to realize that the American people want to know what kind of influence energy corporations had over America's energy policies," said David Bookbinder, senior attorney for the Sierra Club. "President Bush is touting a plan to weaken clean air standards for power plants. And he's promoting an energy bill largely inspired by these secret meetings. The public deserves to know who actually wrote these plans."

In July, a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals said the Bush Administration is subject to "discovery," and must comply with requests for information from Sierra Club and Judicial Watch about the Cheney Energy Task Force. The Club and Judicial Watch are suing the Administration to shed light on how much influence polluting industries had over the Administration's destructive energy policy that is the basis for the energy bill currently before Congress. In rejecting the government's arguments, the Court noted that the Administration's position would "transform executive privilege from a doctrine designed to protect presidential communications into virtual immunity from suit."

The Bush Administration attempted to further delay releasing information about the secret meetings by asking for a rehearing of the appeal by the entire court. The Court of Appeals denied their request, 5-3. The Bush Administration then asked the Appeals Court to issue a stay of the case until the Supreme Court decides whether to hear it.

Sierra Club is suing Vice President Cheney and the Energy Task Force under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), seeking an accounting of energy industry participation in crafting the Bush Administration's destructive energy policy, which relies on subsidies to polluting and outdated fossil fuel industries. The District Court ordered the Administration to provide information about participation from these industries, which the Bush Administration refused to do, claiming

Constitutional immunity from such inquiries. The District Court rejected that contention, pointing out that the Administration was attempting to "cloak what is tantamount to an aggrandizement of Executive power with the legitimacy of precedent where none exists." The Administration appealed, asking the D.C. Circuit to make new law that would effectively shield it from any legal scrutiny. The Circuit Court and Appeals Court have now twice denied their request.

"It's time for the Bush Administration to stop delaying and fess up to their secret dealings with the energy industry," said Carl Pope, Executive Director of the Sierra Club. "Given that the Congress is currently debating the energy bill, it's more important than ever that Americans know who's deciding their energy future. Today the public is one step closer to knowing how much influence energy corporations had over the Bush Administration's energy plan."

Sierra Club huts need your help

Each fall volunteers enjoy a weekend in the Sierra by contributing their time to refurbishing and restocking the Club's backcountry huts in anticipation of another winter season. Over 120 volunteers joined at least one work party last year.

The four main huts, between Donner Summit and Lake Tahoe, provide rustic overnight shelter 3-6 miles from the nearest plowed road. Most were constructed over 50 years ago and have been serving Club members and the general public for generations. A fifth hut is just behind the Club's Clair Tappaan Lodge in Norden.

Volunteers have worked throughout September and will continue through the end of October. Volunteers help bring in firewood, repair broken windows, and do general clean-up.

The Club provides tools and supplies (including food); all you need bring is gear for a simple overnight backpack and a willingness to help with the work. No special skills are required. The clear crisp air, fall colors, good conversation, and a sense of participating in a long tradition are your rewards.

For more information, contact:

Oct 11-12: Joe McGuire, joseph_mcguire@agilent.com, (408) 204-8775.

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Popular annual activities this winter will include

Ski Bus Trips January 23-25, February 20-22, and March 26-28. Leave from and return to Oakland.

Kids' Ski Weekends January 30-February 1 and February 6-8. Cross-country ski lessons, snow play.

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Club files complaint about Garzas Creek diversions

The Ventana Chapter and the Carmel River Steelhead Association have filed a formal complaint with The State Water Resources Control Board against Rancho San Carlos Partnership for harming public trust resources in Garzas Creek, a major tributary of the Carmel River. Rancho San Carlos is a sprawling luxury subdivision and golf course in the Santa Lucia Mountain range, southwest of Carmel Valley. Submitting testimony from hydrologists, fisheries experts and locals with knowledge of the site, the Chapter and Carmel River Steelhead Association are calling on the state to stop allowing Rancho San Carlos to divert water without a valid water right.

Garzas Creek is a vital link to protecting the steelhead population in the Carmel River and is an important fishery which is already Federally-listed as "threatened." The State Water Resources Control Board has been allowing Rancho San Carlos to divert water without a water right. The complaint points out the harm to the river and asks that the diversions be stopped.

Members of Carmel River Steelhead Association have long engaged in projects to reduce steelhead mortality rates and promote the conservation of spawning habitat, and the Chapter has a long-standing interest in preserving the fishery and promoting habitat restoration.

When applying for their development, Rancho San Carlos proclaimed to Monterey County officials and the public that they had an independent water supply and would not harm downstream resources, the environment or other users by their well pumping or water management.

Past efforts to protect Garzas Creek have been unsuccessful. NOAA Fisheries, a Federal Agency, has noted that the current management of the creek may be having a significant impact on the listed steelhead population. NOAA Fisheries also expressed concern about the impact of Rancho San Carlos' interception of springs which otherwise would flow to the creek.

For more information visit, www.carmelriverwatershed.org/Sierra_club_CRSA_garzas_protocol.html.

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Mail only Peninsula Water Board Election November 4

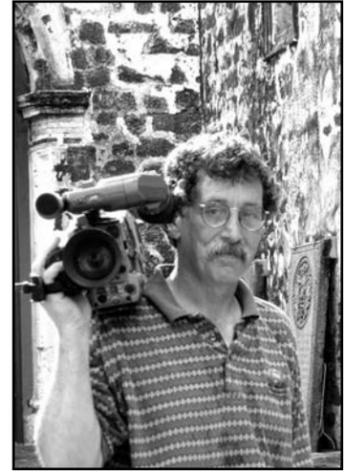
Sierra Club endorses Hanson, Markey and Pacelli



Zan Hanson



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Ballots will be mailed to voters on October 6 for the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water District election on November 4. This election will be conducted entirely by mail.

Six candidates are running in this important race which will determine if the environmental majority on the Water Board will continue. After years of developer control of the Water Board, the last election created an environmental majority on the board. This current board has been able to stop the disgraceful practice of water transfers which provided water credits to the highest bidder. The cur-

rent board has also established steelhead recovery projects in Carmel Valley and is pursuing a workable new source for water for residents and restoration of the Carmel River.

The Sierra Club is supporting the reelection of Zan Hanson (Carmel Highlands/Carmel/Carmel Valley-Division 5). In addition the Club has endorsed Kristi Markey (Monterey-Division 3) and Bob Pacelli (Pacific Grove/Pebble Beach-Division 4) to replace Molly Erickson and Kris Lindstrom whose terms are over.

Each of the endorsed candidates has emphasized their commitment to local control by the voters of the Water

Board. Each opposed legislation which would have transferred control of the Water Board to Sacramento.

In addition, Hanson, Markey and Pacelli opposed the previously-proposed Carmel River dam and favor building a 8,400 acre-feet desalination plant in Sand City instead of the much larger desalination plant planned for Moss Landing favored by their opponents. All promise to continue steelhead recovery activities started by the present board.

Return your ballot

Be sure to mail in your ballot for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Election.

State Parks Commission approves flawed Nisene Marks plan

Citizens group files lawsuit

Following a public hearing in San Jose on August 22, the State Park and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the Preliminary General Plan for the Forest of Nisene Marks State Park. On September 18 the Citizens for the Preservation of The Forest of Nisene Marks State Park filed suit against the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the State Park and Recreation Commission. The suit is based on failure of State Parks to comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), lack of impacts analysis in regard to trail planning, inadequate mitigations for the illegal use of mountain bikes, violation of the Public Resources Code, and violation of the terms of the Grant Deed from the Marks family.

The Commission's approval of the Preliminary General Plan gave State Parks the green light to move forward with their proposal to include mountain bikes on trails in areas of the Park that

were previously off-limits to bikes. Written comments to State Parks regarding the General Plan numbered more than two to one against expanding the use of mountain bikes to trails in the deeded portion of the Park. All trail plans and development within the Park, however, must meet CEQA guidelines. Environmental concerns regarding impacts of development on water quality and special status species like coho and steelhead; trails on steep erosion-prone slopes; and protection of sensitive and endangered species are addressed by CEQA.

During the public comment portion of the hearing, the only testimony that prompted staff discussion was that of a spokesperson from the Audubon Society who asked staff if inventory studies could be completed before initiating a trail plan. State Parks staff discussed the request but the Commission stopped short of adding a requirement which would require State Parks to conduct

inventory studies before proceeding with trail plans. The Sierra Club has repeatedly asked State Parks to conduct inventory studies before beginning any development within the Park.

How to help

Contact Kirk Lingenfelter of State Parks at KLINGENFELTER@parks.ca.gov or (831) 429-2859 and ask him to implement a comprehensive biological inventory study for the purpose of protecting threatened and endangered species and sensitive habitats identified in the inventory. Remind State Parks that the Marks family donated Nisene Marks Park to the State with the stipulation that it remain a "natural preserve" and "that the property shall be held in its natural state . . . limited to camping, nature study, hiking and associated activities."

For more information or to donate to the lawsuit call Sandy Henn, 662-2843.

Draft EIR due for high-speed train between San Francisco and Los Angeles

by Patrick Moore

In many parts of the world, Europe, Japan, China, Korea and others, High Speed Rail trains are proving to be the best transportation option to travelers going 100-400 miles. With speeds between 186 to 217 mph, an unmatched safety record, and an on-time record that the airlines can only dream about, high-speed trains are very popular. The high speed train which connects Paris to Marseilles (462 miles) has a 61% market share, beating air travel.

As we go to press, the Draft Environmental Impact Report for California's own high speed rail system connecting San Francisco to Los Angeles is due to be released. After release, there will be a 90-day comment period.

This electrically-powered High Speed Train would travel over 200 mph. With a travel time of approximately two hours between downtown stations in the Bay Area and the Los Angeles basin, high-speed rail will offer better door-to-door travel times than an airplane.

San Francisco Bay in an effort to improve the on-time performance of a small fraction of the flights delayed by local fog. Building high-speed rail is a positive, job-producing, economy-boosting way to improve travel between northern and southern California without harming San Francisco Bay or expanding other airports including LAX.

According to the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 35% of flights from the San Francisco Bay Area head to the Los Angeles Area. The California High Speed Rail Authority believes a majority of those travelers would use a high-speed rail system if it were available. High-speed rail offers the opportunity to reshape the transportation backbone of California for the next 100 years and will help address the congestion bottlenecks at all of the state's busiest airports without airport expansion.

Environmental challenges

The trick is to do it right. Station placement, rail alignment and land use around stations are critical environmental issues. Sierra Club California has adopted a resolution that stresses downtown stations with good access to mass transit. A station surrounded by parking lots and isolated from a city center is an unattractive destination. Furthermore, the ridership served by such a station would be limited by the parking lot capacity. The opposite is true of a station located in an attractive downtown area with limited parking served by mass transit.

Important Dates:

Sept-Oct 2003	Draft EIR due
Dec 03-Jan 04	Comment period ends
Nov 2004	\$10 billion bond measure on ballot to fund initial construction.

The Loma Prieta and San Francisco Chapters have successfully fought the planned expansion of San Francisco Airport. This \$10 billion project would have dumped over 800 acres of fill into

Banerjee Arctic Refuge photos now in San Francisco

The photo series, "Seasons of Life and Land," on the 19-million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge by freelance photographer Subhankar Banerjee, is now showing at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco through December 31.

The photos were advertised as a featured exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D. C. this spring but were moved from its prominent location to a basement hallway and stripped of their original captions after Senator Barbara Boxer showed some of the photos during Senate energy debate.

The San Francisco exhibit opened as federal lawmakers in Washington, D. C. began a new round of negotiations on whether to allow oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge. Twelve photos from the exhibit can be viewed on the web at www.calacademy.org/exhibits/anwr/.

In early 2000, Banerjee, of Bellevue, Washington, quit his job at Boeing in

Seattle, cashed in his savings and headed to Alaska to document the Refuge's land, wildlife and indigenous people. Banerjee spent 14 months over a two-year period photographing the Arctic Refuge, braving subzero temperatures and blizzards, to document the Refuge in all 4 seasons.

In September, Banerjee was honored with a Special Achievement Award from the Sierra Club for the publication of his book, *Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Seasons of Life*.

Sierra Club wins an Emmy

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences honored the first public television program from Sierra Club Productions with an Emmy in the category of Outstanding Cultural & Artistic Programming—Long Form.

Ansel Adams: A Documentary Film, written and directed by Ric Burns,



A high-speed train pulls into the Central Station in Cologne, Germany.

The route the train takes is also important. In order to compete successfully with air travel times, the route must be as direct as possible. Each minute added to the route lessens its competitiveness with air travel. Out-of-the-way cities such as Palmdale are lobbying to be included in the route.

Sierra Club Chapters up and down California are joining together to lobby for a route along travel and utility corridors that will keep the rail route out of parks, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas. We need to be sure that both the route and the construction of this much-needed transportation project are sensitive to the environment.

How to help

- Read the Draft EIR and submit your comments. Contact the California High Speed Rail Authority to get a copy of the DEIR: Dan Leavitt, California High Speed Rail Authority, (916) 324-1541, Dleavitt@hsr.ca.gov.

- For more information contact Patrick Moore, Sierra Club CA Transportation Committee, (650) 207-9792, Patmoore@ieee.org, or visit <http://lomaprieta.sierraclub.org/HighSpeedRail.html>. A copy of the Sierra Club resolution can be found at www.sierraclub.org/ca/scc/high_speed_rail.pdf.

- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.

Santa Cruz County receives state rail funds

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is one step closer to acquiring the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Union Pacific. \$11 million in funds from Proposition 116 Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act have been set aside for use in Santa Cruz County since the ballot measure passed in 1990. The first installment of these funds, \$300,000, was granted in August to the RTC by the State

Transportation Commission.

These funds will be used for pre-acquisition activities including appraisals, title search, and development of a business plan. The Prop. 116 funds are matched by other state and local funds to be used for environmental review of the proposed Recreational Rail service between Capitola and Aptos/Seascape.

For more information visit the RTC website, sccrtc.org or call 460-3200.

received the honor in September. The feature-length documentary highlights the life and art of America's famed photographer and environmentalist. The film first aired on PBS on Boston's "American Experience" and is now available on home video and on DVD.

Sierra Club Productions develops and produces dramatic and non-fiction programming for television and film that reflects the Sierra Club philosophy.

Currently in development by Sierra Club Productions are specials on transportation alternatives, global warming and a film based on *Hope's Edge: A New Diet for a Small Planet*. *Vertical Frontier*, a completed feature-length documentary on the history of rock climbing in Yosemite, which was produced by Peloton Productions in association with Sierra Club Productions, is now available for distribution.



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publicity follows local commuters engaging in wacky stunts as they compete for votes and prizes.

The goal is to create awareness of the campaign and to nudge residents to convert 20% of their car trips into a more sustainable form of transportation. If everyone left their car at home one day a week, if possible, or one trip out of five if they are car dependent, traffic congestion would ease, and the quality of life for all would improve.

How to help

- Keep a record of your car trips.
- Are you able to cut down by combining trips, carpooling, taking the bus, riding a bike or by walking?
- To order a poster to display at a business or workplace, contact Cory Irimes, 460-3201 or cory.irimes@co.santa-cruz.ca.us. To view posters visit http://pull.xmr3.com/p/152-6E23s/20039966/SCCRTC_Posters.pdf.

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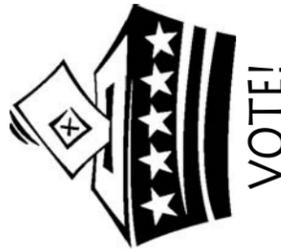
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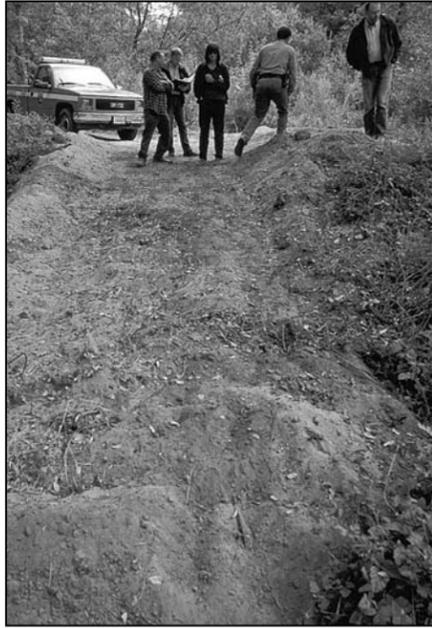


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A Fish and Game warden, Environmental D.A., a Reserve docent, and representatives from RMC examine the damage to the Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve.

RMC runs dozer through the Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve

by Jodi Frediani

In September RMC Pacific Materials (the Davenport cement plant folks) took a bulldozer through the Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve, grading three-quarters of a mile of existing road through the fragile Zayante Sands, removing constructed waterbars, blading off a collection of rare Ben Lomond Spine Flowers, and crushing and uprooting listed manzanitas. All without a permit. Local activists sounded the alarm.

The Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve is a special place. This delicate sand hill habitat is home to a number of unique species of plants and insects. The Ben Lomond Spine Flower, Abrams

Cypress, Santa Cruz and Silver Leaf Manzanitas and Ponderosa Pine are among the rare and/or threatened and endangered plants within its boundaries. The Reserve is managed by the California Department of Fish & Game.

In addition to the unauthorized road work in the Reserve, RMC re-constructed a road through their own timberland down to Laguna Creek. They removed twelve-inch diameter trees from the old roadbed which was last used thirty years ago to harvest timber. RMC also dismantled an old log bridge across Laguna Creek without the necessary permits from Fish & Game. The road work,

itself, may be in violation of the County's grading ordinance.

The work was authorized by the Registered Professional Forester contracted by RMC to manage their timber lands. The Department of Fish & Game is requiring RMC to stabilize the sandy road cut prior to winter rains. Fish & Game warden, Dennis Baldwin, is currently investigating the illegal grading project, endangered species violations, and bridge removal. Santa Cruz County Environmental District Attorney, Morgan Taylor, visited the site to see the damage first hand.



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