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Return ownership of water to the public

In the past few years, we have learned the hard way that privatizing essential services is not a good idea. Your energy bill, for example, will never be the same now that essentially unregulated, amoral corporations (think Enron) control energy production and distribution.

Water is critical to our health. On the Monterey Peninsula, and in Felton, water production and distribution is in the hands of the California American Water Company (CalAm), a private corporation. CalAm is owned by American Water Works, a New Jersey corporation that, in turn, reports to Thames Water, an English corporation. Thames is owned by RWE-AG, a multi-national corporation headquartered in Germany.

CalAm is notorious for its refusal to spend money to upgrade or maintain its water systems. American Water Works, until its sale, was noted for buying up water suppliers and increasing water fees to pay for its overpriced purchases. Thames has repeatedly been identified as the worst polluter in Great Britain and Wales. RWE-AG is a huge energy company with its focus first and foremost on profits. It is likely that it probably paid too much for American Water Works.

In 2002 California voters approved Proposition 50, a $3.4 billion water bond initiative. That initiative differed from previous water bonds in that it did not limit eligibility for bond moneys to public water agencies. Private water companies donated $52,500 to the pro-Proposition 50 campaign. Now, in a major change of public financing policy, the state is preparing to allow private multinational corporations and other business interests to grab our bond money. Rather, the state should make available to interested public organizations the funds to return ownership of our water to where it belongs—with the public.

—Rita Dalesio

Water a good transit model

Imagine living in a country where there were no municipal water systems or only the most basic water systems and each resident had to get and treat water for themselves. Imagine having to pay someone to track in water for you to drink and cook with. No water coming conveniently out of the tap when you turned a faucet handle. Imagine that this water you got trucked in wasn’t treated, and you had to boil and filter it before you quenched your thirst.

Back in the 1960s I lived in such a country when I was a Peace Corps volunteer. The small town I lived in had an intermittent, limited municipal water system for some houses. I was lucky. My yard was near the main road and had a steel drum that filled when the water system was working. The country, Ethiopia, was much like California in its climate. There were months without rain, so collecting rainwater for daily use was not practical.

Many people had to pay someone the equivalent of a day’s wage to fill a steel drum with water from the municipal faucet and roll the untreated water to their house. Poorer folks fetched the water themselves. The water system in

In Felton, concerned citizens have mobilized for the purpose of taking over CalAm’s water system. On the Monterey Peninsula, such discussions have just begun. We believe that citizens should strongly oppose the attempt by private multinational corporations and development interests to grab our bond money. Rather, the state should make available to interested public organizations the funds to return ownership of our water to where it belongs—with the public.

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Aptos Pillage Plan

As bright, vibrant beings, we thrive on creating more beautiful living spaces, more people and earth-friendly surroundings, certainly more livable neighborhoods, towns and cities.

In the Aptos Village Plan, I ask where is the pedestrian-only central plaza? Internationally, a gathering place for musicians, artists displaying their creations, food kiosks, businesses who want to display their goods and services outdoors, a town center/plaza is an absolute given. Landscaped with commissioned sculptures, native plants and cozy meeting places for women with children and seniors and a playground. Where, I ask, are these accommodations in the futuristic Aptos plan?

Where is the affordable housing that attracts a lovely mix of Arabic, Latino, Asian, Eastern European, African American and Caucasian, young and old, students, single families and gays and straights? Ellen Pusey said, “...we don’t want to create a Disneyland.” But, with the architectural standard being Victorian and Old West, isn’t it all visually going to be rather predictable and mundane, similar to Main Street, USA at Disneyland, itself?

How about commissioning a project to get some south facing, solar-driven businesses, homes, perhaps a museum as well as a ‘mer-cado’ where organic growers and foodies could sell their healthy (and decadent) creations? All over the world, folks love sitting outside, being able to hear birds, watch their children in a traffic-free zone and enjoy food and drinks.

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On April 7th the California Board of Forestry upheld Santa Cruz County’s appeal of the Lompico headwaters Timber Harvest Plan (THP), thus denying this logging plan in a critical watershed. The controversial logging plan closed public comment on September 25th 2001 and was extended 43 times until its approval on October 30th 2003. The Ventana has been covering this issue for several years. [Vol. 40, No. 6, Vol. 40, No. 3.]

The Lompico Watershed Conservancy submitted several scientific letters and reports into the administrative record. The National Marine Fisheries Service (before the Bush takeover) called for extensive changes to the plan to protect endangered steelhead and coho salmon. Coho were driven locally extinct in the San Lorenzo basin by about 1986 but the river is still critical habitat by law.

The Lompico Watershed Conservancy helped convince the Board of Forestry that the cumulative impacts of the proposed logging on this already impaired creek could be significant contrary to the analysis in the THP which concluded that the logging would not adversely affect the creek. A geology report commissioned by the Conservancy and other scientific reports were critical to winning this appeal.

Opposition by the Lompico County Water District and the hundreds of letters by local residents opposing the timber harvest plan also had an effect on the Board.

The Lompico Watershed Conservancy has been trying to arrange a sale of this property since 1997, but the owner, Redwood Empire, has not been a willing seller. Victories against the California Department of Forestry are rare.

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Sierra Club endorses Kerry for President

On May 11, the Sierra Club endorsed Senator John Kerry for President of the United States, citing his outstanding leadership in safeguarding America’s air, water and public lands.

"John Kerry will provide the environmental leadership that has been sorely missing in the Bush White House," said Sierra Club President Larry Fahn. "His commitment to environmental progress stands in stark contrast to the Bush administration’s all-out assault on the environment and its record of putting polluting corporations before the American public’s health and safety."

Kerry's demonstrated environmental leadership throughout his career in public service, from helping organize polluting corporations before the environment and its record of putting the administration's all-out assault on the environment and its record of putting polluting corporations before the American public’s health and safety."

The endorsement was decided by volunteer members who serve on the Club's political committee and Board of Directors.

"One of our biggest challenges is to educate the American public about the Bush administration’s dismal environmental record," Fahn said. "Now, thousands of Sierra Club members in every state will be volunteering their efforts to tell voters about the clear choice in this election. They will be encouraging all Americans who care about the environment to vote for John Kerry in November."
Local activists play key role in protecting our coast

by Mark Massara, Sierra Club Director of Coastal Programs

When people picture California’s coast, they imagine the grandeur of Big Sur, surfing in Santa Cruz, and the majesty of our Monterey pines. Although we still face many threats to the Central Coast, we have managed to preserve much of our natural heritage. Coastal water quality was rated high in a recent study, we have record amounts of coastal open space, and we have largely escaped rows of high-priced resorts and luxury condos built inches away from the shoreline.

Coastal activists have made all these victories possible. Thirty years ago Ventana Chapter members played a key role in working to pass Proposition 20 which became the Coastal Act and created the California Coastal Commission to uphold this new law.

Our coastline has benefited endlessly. The Coastal Commission prohibited construction of a surf-damaging 1,100-foot seawall at Pleasure Point. The Commission protected the delicate dunes in Sand City from a huge hotel and enabled the creation of Monterey’s picturesque bikeway. These and countless other decisions by the Commission over the years have helped protect our coastal legacy for future generations.

As you can imagine, the special interests eager to develop our coast are not fans of the Coastal Commission. They have tried a number of ways to undermine its authority. Last year they supported a lawsuit challenging the Commission’s constitutionality. They have also lobbied public officials and begun a major public relations push aimed at discrediting this essential agency.

While the lawsuit only served to strengthen and further legitimize the Commission’s authority, the other well-funded efforts are harder to combat.

How to help

• If you haven’t joined already, join Great Coastal Places, Sierra Club’s network of 5,000 coastal advocates from Eureka to San Diego. On the web, visit www.sierraclub/ca/coasts. Participants receive alerts about key coastal issues.

• Attend a Coastal Commission Hearing. Hearings take place in a different coastal city every month. You can see the schedule and learn what issues will be discussed by visiting http://www.coastal.ca.gov.

• When specific issues arise, contact your public officials and let them know that the Coastal Commission and our coast must be protected. Big coastal protection decisions are ahead, including the fate of many thousands of threatened Monterey pines. Don’t worry about writing the perfect letter, just write. You’d be amazed by what a strong impact you can make.

A n exhibit now showing at the Museum of Art & History in Santa Cruz charts the ups and downs of the California environment over the past 150 years. "Awakening from the California Dream: An Environmental History" combines historical images with the dramatic photographs of Robert Dawson and the written insights of geographer/historian Gray Brechin.

The exhibit encourages viewers to reflect upon the historical events and attitudes that led to the degradation of the state's environment. The traveling exhibition is accompanied by a 15-minute video which explores both historical and contemporary environmental issues.

The exhibit will show through July 18. The Museum of Art & History is located at 725 Front Street, Santa Cruz. Admission is $4 or free to museum members. There is also free admission on the first Friday of the month. Visit www.santacruzmah.org or call 429-1964 for museum hours.

**Sierra Club Club Events**

**Friday, June 11**

**Potluck/Slides - Mountain Regions II**

Vilma Siebers combines slides from several trips depicting mountain regions of the world. This is the second of a 3-part series. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own plate, cup, utensils and serving utensils.

**Tuesday, June 22**

**Potluck/Slides - Cambodia**

Join award-winning photographer David D. Keaton for a program on the ancient Khmer temples of the World Heritage site, Angkor Wat. Over 1000 years ago the Khmer empire stretched across present-day Cambodia as well as parts of Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. In addition, Keaton will present information about the humanitarian landmine clearing work in Cambodia of Freedom Fields USA.

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 Safeway and enter the side entrance of the mall. For more information call Marion Chilson, 624-3510.

**Friday, June 25**

**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 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.

**Friday, July 16**

**Potluck/Slides - Wild by Nature 'Santa Cruz County: Wild by Nature' is a slide presentation by local professional nature photographer Michael Roberts.**

The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring food to 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.

**Friday, July 30**

**Singles Potluck and Games**

See June 25 for details.

**Art exhibit documents environmental change in California**

**Scientists discuss the demise and restoration of California’s salmon near the Sacramento River, 1997 in this photo by Robert Dawson from the exhibit.**

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**Non-Sierra Club events of interest**

**Free Worm Workshop**

Did you know that about 25 percent of the material deposited in the County landfill is food waste? And that the County landfill will be full in less than 20 years? There’s an easy solution.

**Habitat restoration — Watsonville**

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Second and fourth Saturdays each month.

Volunteer to restore native habitat in Watsonville Wetlands. Gloves, tools and lunch provided. Call Laura Kummerer, 728-4106 for more information. No experience needed.

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See June 25 for details.

**Ansel Adams Exhibit**


**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 may be found on their website: www.mprpd.org.

**Saturdays (see dates below)**

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Sponsored by Watsonville Wetlands Watch. Meet in Orchard Supply parking lot at Green Valley Rd. and Main St. in Watsonville. Gloves, tools and lunch provided. Call Laura Kummerer, 728-4106 for more information. No experience needed.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 5
HIKE: BLACK MOUNTAIN
We'll climb Black Mountain in the Toro Park backcountry via Marks Canyon and an off-trail ridge. Return by trail. Elevation gain and off-trail portions make this a strenuous hike. Recommend boots, long pants, lunch, plenty of water and sun protection. Call for details. Leader: John Clark, 484-9403.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
WALK: PALM BEACH
We need an early start to walk this beach at low tide in our quest to find the mouth of the Pajaro River. Short, easy walk with good birding, binoculars recommended. A Watsonville Wetlands Watcher will help us find the way. Wear layers, bring water, snack and sense of adventure (your leader doesn't actually know where we're going!). Meet at the Seaside K-Mart off Canyon Del Rey at 8:15 a.m. or at Eric's Deli on Green Valley Road in Watsonville at 9:00 a.m. Optional lunch together before the drive home. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
HIKE: PINE VALLEY
Strenuous 14-mile loop with 2000’ elevation gain. Great views. From China Camp to Church Creek Divide, then up to the Pine Ridge Trail to the Bear Basin Connector and down to Pine Creek Divide. Some trails will be overgrown. You may bring small clippers. Bring lunch, lots of water, $ for carpool. Meet at the Bagel Bakery in Carmel at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
SINGLES VEGETARIAN PICNIC & BOATING: LOCH LOMOND
Meet at 5:15 at Felton Faire, or at 6:00 p.m. at the lakeshore picnic table where we will have an early supper potluck. After we'll go boating, hiking, or just socialize and relax. Sorry, no swimming or alcohol allowed in the park. You may bring your own boat or we can rent shared row or paddle boats for approximately $1/person/hour. Parking is free after 4:00 p.m. Bring your own plate, cup and serving utensils and a potluck dish to share. For more information call leader Karen Kaplan after 9:30 a.m. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 462-3803.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12
HIKE: MITTELDORF PRESERVE
Join me on this wonderful loop in and around the Mitteldorf Preserve, administered by the Big Sur Land Trust. 7 miles and 1.50’ elevation gain. We may leave the cars at the gate and add 3 more miles to the hike. Great views and gorgeous old trees (the largest redwood in Monterey County). Bring lunch, water, sun protection, and wear a hat. Meet at the San Carlos Ranch Gate, 1 mile off Carmel Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. Must call me for a reservation. Leader: Annemarie Suter, 624-1467.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15
HIKE: EAGLE ROCK
We'll take a trail developed by Sempervirens Fund and State Parks. You'll see the nail-less bridge. The 7-mile hike includes quite steep uphill sections. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Bring water and lunch. Wear sturdy boots. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 482-5101.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
SAINT SAUNTER: PIETO LAKE
Pinto Lake in Watsonville is very picturesque with old oak and eucalyptus trees shading the 2-mile trail. We'll walk along the lake and see many different birds. Good restrooms and picnic tables. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. If you go direct, meet at 10:00 a.m. in the last parking lot in the Park. Pinto Lake is located 1 mile from Hwy. 1 on Green Valley Rd. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen and $3 carpool. Leader: Ron DiNatale, 768-2063.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
SAINT SAUNTER: CASTLE ROCK
We'll hike on some NEW trails on easy, rolling terrain for 5 miles or less if we get tired. Giant firs trees. Bathroom available. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or at Felton Faire at 9:45 a.m. Bring lunch, water, $4 for carpool and share of the entrance fee. Leader: Jon Bohmer, 462-3803.

NOTICE
Club events such as potlucks, slide shows and other get-togethers are on page 6 in the Calendar listings.

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Saturday, June 19
HIKE AND PICNIC: BIG BASIN
We will enter Big Basin from the North. 15 miles and 700’ elevation gain. Bring lunch and water. Potluck to follow in the park. Bring a
Join us on a moderately paced day hike at Sunday, June 20 We’ll walk through a diverse landscape of oaks, redwoods, coastal bluffs and the beautiful Big Sur coast. We’ll hike up ... of water, $ for carpool, and sun block. Meet at the Bagel Bakery in Carmel at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4942.

Saturday, June 26
HIKE: MAL PASO TO SOBERANES
We’ll hike up the Ridge trail, down the Panorama trail and along the bluffs in an 8-mile loop. Panoramic views. Bring water, lunch, hat and $5 for 45-minute carpool. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Bring water and lunch. Wear sturdy boots. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, July 3
HIKE: BISSENDEN HILLS
Explore the spectacular 5-miles of Point Lobos. Easy hike, bring water, a snack, and wear good hiking shoes. Meet in front of Alberton’s at 9:00 a.m. for carpooling. After the hike, we could go out for lunch. Call for more information. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-0908.

Tuesday, June 22
HIKE: CENTER POINT STATE PARK
1.1 mile walk through the redwoods. Some uphill. May eat buffet at the Chaminade Conference Center. Light lunch $11. Drinks extra. Or bring a brown bag lunch to eat at the picnic area. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or 9:50 a.m. behind the tennis courts at Chaminade. Leader: Maureen Maynard, 336-5293.

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HIKE: MAL PASO TO SOBERANES
We’ll hike up Mal Paso Canyon, then walk along the creek and hike up a very steep ridge. About 2000’ on rough terrain, through chaparral and forest, then up to the Soberanes Trail crosscountry. There should still be some wildflowers. Return via Rocky Ridge. A strenuous 6-7 miles. Bring lots of water, lunch, sun protection, and a hat. Meet at Albertton’s at 8:00 a.m. for a car shuttle. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

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Wednesday, June 27
HIKE: TORD PARK
8-mile hike. Up the Ollason Trail to Red Tail Trail, with great views of the top of our 1,000’ elevation peak. Bring water and food. Meet outside the entrance to the park at 9:00 a.m. 11.6 miles east of Hwy. 1. On Hwy. 68. Take the Portola exit or from Hwy. 101 take Monterey Peninsula/Hwy. 68 exit, drive 6 miles to Portola Drive. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, June 29
SENIOR SAUNTER: COSTANOA This is a new 3-mile hike on trails near Costanosa Resort. We’ll do the Pampas Loop with some uphills. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or 9:50 a.m. at King & Mission Street near Shen’s Gallery. Wear hiking boots. Bring water, lunch and $4 carpool. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9941.

Friday, July 2
HIKE: WEST MOLERA We’ll hike up Hidden Trail and Ridge trail, enjoying views of Pico Blanco and Point Summit. After lunch we descend via Panorama trail and Bluff trail, with views of the ocean and Point Sum. Bring lunch, water, and a sweater/windbreaker as the ocean breeze can be cold. Meet behind Brinton’s at 9:30 a.m. for this 8-mile, 1200’ elevation gain hike. Leader: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 572-3274.

Friday - Monday, July 2 - 5
9TH ANNUAL TUBING AND CAMPING: RICHARDSON GROVE STATE PARK Hike among giant redwoods, swim in the Eel River right at the edge of our group site or go tubing on the river. At this time of year the water is warm. We’ll enjoy potluck dinners every night and live music. Bring your musical instruments. You don’t have to have all the camping gear; we have plenty of stoves and lanterns. Cost is only $35/vehicle plus $10/adult member, $12/non-members and $5/kid 12 and under. Fill out the reservation form and mail along with your check and SASE to: Eel River Camping, P.O. Box 604, Santa Cruz, CA 95063. Reservations must be received by 6/22. Info. will be mailed on 6/24. No phone reservations. Cancellation: Full refund if cancelled by 6/22, 50% by 6/27, no refund after 6/27. Please don’t forget to include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope OR your email so I can send you directions, info. on where to buy your inner tubes and life vests and the list of participants to help you arrange carpooling. For more information, call George, 335-7748.

Saturday, July 7
WALK: SOBERANES Let’s get the weather and our whim direct our...
Footsteps. Either way, Soberanes Point and Creek are gorgeous in all conditions. Easy pace with only slight changes in elevation. Wear layers, carry water, lunch, bring binoculars. Expect to be back in town by about 2:00 p.m. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at BIGFIND the Big Sur Land Trust office. Your leader will be back there and will not come out front to look for you. You have been warned. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Tuesday, July 6  
**SENIOR SAUNTER: ARANA GULCH**

This hike is in a lovely greenbelt area with trails leading down to the Yacht Harbor. You can eat at Rosas Restaurant, The Crow’s Nest, or enjoy your sack lunch while sitting on the jetty. Meet at Sears 41st Ave, before 9:30 a.m. or at 9:45 a.m. at Arana Gulch trailhead, Mentel & Agnes Sts. just off Soquel, two blocks east of Frederick Street. Bring a hat, water, lunch or $ and carpool $1. Leader: Margaret Steele, 465-8565.

Saturday, July 10  
**HIKE: HUDDART COUNTY PARK**

Huddart is a San Mateo County Park near Woodside and involves a fairly long carpool over the hill. The 7-mile walk is mostly in redwood forest. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Bring water and lunch, and wear sturdy boots. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, July 11  
**SNOW HIKE: ARROYO SECO**

We’ll start at the Arroyo Seco parking lot and hike about 3 miles to the water. We’ll wade upstream through several small waterfalls, float on rafts, or swim through beautiful ponds and the narrow gorge to reach the big waterfall. You must be a good swimmer and energetic hiker! Kids over 12 with their parents are welcome. Double bag food in ziplocks in a light daypack on your back. Wear old tennis shoes and your bathing suit under light hiking clothes. Bring water, food, hat, sunblock and $ for carpool. This will be an all-day outing in great heat and strong sun. Limited to 12 persons, call for reservation and time. Leaders: Suzanne Arose and Steve Legnard, 626-6422.

Tuesday, July 13  
**SENIOR SAUNTER: NISENE MARKS**

Park at the kiosk to begin our hike on Marcel’s Trail. This shady, 3-mile forest trail will cross the creek, and we can view the “twisted redwoods” and hidden garden. Moderate ups and downs. Lunch at George’s Picnic Area. Meet at Sears 41st Ave, before 9:30 a.m. or at the park kiosk at approx. 9:50 a.m. Bring hiking boots, water, lunch, carpool $3 and share of park entrance fee. Leaders: Bill and Marilyn Selby, 479-3829.

Saturday, July 17  
**HIKE: MAL PASO TO SOBERANES**

We’ll hike the valley, then along and up the creek, climb up the very steep ridge on an old goat trail up to the highest point, then up over the meadows to the Soberanes watershed. Cross our fingers that we find the way. We’ll come down through Soberanes Canyon. A very rough cross country hike, 8 miles and 2000’ elevation gain. Wear light, long pants, anorak, gloves as protection against poison oak, and bring a pair of dippers. Bring lunch and water. Car shuttle. Meet at Albertson’s at 9:00 a.m. Must call leader before: Anneliese Suter, 624-2467.

Sunday, July 18  
**HIKE: POCONIP**

We’ll see the haunted meadow, sacred oak, kilns, and other thrilling sights. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center, 6 miles. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Sheila Dunway, 336-2325.

Sunday, July 18  
**HIKE: EAST TO WEST ON THE PINE RIDGE TRAIL**

This is the infamous 23-mile hike from China Camp (4260’) east of the coastal range to Big Sur State Park (370’) in one day. We’ll have to start at first light and probably won’t finish until dark. Call the leader for reservation. Bring enough food; we can filter water along the way. This is a very strenuous hike, only tough hikers are encouraged to come. Once underway, there is no turning around. Call leader: Steve Legnard, 622-1422.

Tuesday, July 20  
**SENIOR SAUNTER: SPANISH BAY**

Easy 5-mile level hike along part of Spanish Bay Golf Course to the beach and Point Joe and beyond. Lunch at picnic tables at the beach. Meet at Sears 41st Ave, before 9:30 a.m. or outside the Fishwile Restaurant near Asilomar at 10:30 a.m. Bring windbreaker, hat, water, lunch and $5 carpool. Leader: Beverly Mench, 662-2454.

Saturday, July 24  
**HIKE: POGONIP**

We’ll drive to the Marine headlands and enjoy a 10-mile loop trail with magnificent coastal views and hopefully still good wildflowers. About 1100’ elevation gain. Possible dinner in San Francisco after. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. Leader: George Jamial, 336-7748.

Saturday, July 24  
**BACKPACKING WORKSHOP**

If you would like to learn about backpacking or want to improve your backpacking skills, a new class, including a shake-down trip on August 28, is being offered and could just be the thing for you. Henry Leinen, national and Ventana chapter hikes leader, will teach a “Backpacking for Everyone” class July 24 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Carmel home of Charlotte Anderson. Bring your bag lunch. Advance reservation required at 655-1998 or hlteniel@aol.com. Henry has taught this class nationally, and we are fortunate to have him offering it for our chapter. Sign up now!

Saturday, July 24  
**HIKE: SOBRANES CYN/ROCKY RIDGE**

Moderately strenuous 9-mile loop through the canyon and up to the ridge. Very steep climb that leads to gorgeous panoramic views. Bring hat, water, and lunch. Meet at Albertson’s at 10:00 a.m. Back around 5:00 p.m. Leader: Andrea Philip, 884-9705, or andrea_phelps@csumb.edu.

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

Silver Lake & Carson Pass  
Come relax and enjoy the beauty. Fish, hike, or wander along the many lakesides and mountain trails abundant with wildflowers. After a hike, refresh in the cool water, lounge on our beach, or glide on the pristine Silver Lake waters, very peaceful and quiet. Then join us for a gourmet meal at our restaurant or spend the evening in your comfortable lakeside room or cottage, ending your day star-gazing from your deck or meeting others at the crackling campfire.

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Sunday, July 25
SWIM HIKE: ARROYO SECO
Swim walk from River St. levee over railroad trestle to yacht harbor. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. To go direct, meet at 9:50 a.m. on River St. by Zanotti’s. Meet for 2 hours. We can have lunch at Aldo’s or bring lunch, to eat on beach by jetty. Bring water, lunch and $1 for carpool. Leader: Maureen Maynard, 336-5293.

Saturday, July 31
WALK AND PICNIC: SEASCAPE BEACH
All ages welcome: tots to teens to seniors. 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring a frisbee, ball, beach game, picnic lunch to share and enjoy this intergenerational outing. We’ll walk, relax, play, maybe swim, share our lunch and conversation then walk a little more. Invite your neighbors, acquaintances, friends. Take Clubhouse Dr. towards beach, cross RR tracks, take 2nd left (Via Palo Alto) go about 12 houses to stairs down to the beach. Meet at the top of the stairs at 12:00 noon. Rideshare or bike, if possible. Dress in layers for fog. Leader: Gary Harrold, 662-0102.

Saturday, July 31
MOONLIGHT HIKE: PINNACLES
Hiking the Pinnacles by moonlight is a thrilling and unique experience. 1200’ elevation gain. We’ll start in the afternoon and have a picnic dinner waiting for the full moon to come up and light the trails. Bring a flashlight. Call leader for meeting place, time and more. Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1964.

A U G U S T

Sunday, August 1
HIKE: NISENE MARKS STATE PARK
Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 10:00 a.m. or near Pacific Rim Restaurant at 10:30 a.m. 8-mile hike to Maple Falls and back. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots. Some stream crossings. Leader: Sheila Dunnavy, 336-2325.

Sunday, August 1
HIKE: PICO BLANCO PUBLIC CAMP
We’ll hike about 10 miles from the Old Coast Road up the Little Sur River to Pico Blanco Camp. 1400’ elevation gain. Great views and the most beautiful waterfall and pool in the area. Meet at Alberian’s at 8:00 a.m. to carpool. Bring food and lots of water. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, August 3
HIKE: CARMEL VALLEY TO JACKS PEAK
We will leave from Carmel Valley Road and hike up Roach Canyon to Jacks Peak. 6 miles, 1200’ elevation gain. Expect some brush and possible poison oak. Wear appropriate clothing. Call for details. Meet at Alberian’s at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Tuesday, August 10
SENIOR SAUNTER: FALL CREEK
3-mile shady hike in the redwood forest, partly along the creek. Some moderate uphill. Trail rocky in places. We’ll lunch at the lime-stone kils. After lunch, optional additional hiking. Hikers who do not want to do this part can wait at the kilns. No restrooms. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or just before 10:00 a.m. at Felton Fair. To go direct, use parking lot on Empire Grade up from Hwy. 9. Wear hiking boots. Bring water, lunch and $3 carpool. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Sunday, August 15
HIKE: VINCENTE FLAT:
We’ll see beautiful redwoods and meadows, look down to the coast, listen to Hare Creek. Shade and sunshine. 11 miles with 2000’ elevation gain. One hour carpool down breathing-taking Hwy. 1. Bring lots of water, food and wear good hiking shoes. Meet at Alberian’s at 8:50 a.m. Call for more information. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

S E P T E M B E R

Friday - Monday, September 3 - 6
30TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT TAHOE
We have 3 family sites at D. L. Bliss State Park. We can walk down to the beach for swimming or walking. Hikes into Desolation Wilderness to visit lakes where we can swim, or we can climb peaks for great alpine views. We’ll also have shorter walks along Lake Tahoe or to a nearby lake. Pack lunches, kids and musical instruments welcome and encouraged. Group events where we will get to know each other and become one Sierra Club family. All three nights just $150 vehicle + $10/person for members, $25 for non-members and $5 for kids 12 and under. Include a SASE to receive carpooling information, directions to the campground, the weekend plans, and a list of recommended items to bring. We have lanterns and camp stoves. Don’t miss this great weekend, reserve early; mail the filled out form and your check to arrive by August 21 to Lake Tahoe Camping, PO Box 606, Santa Cruz, CA. 95062. Information sheets will be sent to you on August 23. Parking is limited; carpooling strongly encouraged. No phone reservations. Cancellations: 10% refund if cancelled by August 21, 50% by August 31, no refund after the 31st. For more info call George, 335-7748.
Marching for women’s lives and a sustainable future

An estimated one million people gathered in Washington, DC on April 25 for the historic March for Women’s Lives. The Sierra Club was represented as both a national sponsor and by participants from the Monterey Bay Area.

The March, said to be the largest such event ever held in the nation’s capital, was designed to focus public attention on current threats to reproductive choice, and to inspire a new generation of activists to defend reproductive rights and services.

The March represented an unusually diverse coalition, with other major sponsors including Planned Parenthood, NOW, ACLU, NAACP, and Feminist Majority. Local Sierra Club members Linda Brodman, Carol Fuller, and Santa Cruz City Councilmember Cynthia Mathews were among the estimated 100 local residents who participated in the March.

The local delegation carried Sierra Club placards as well as a large pro-choice banner representing the Reproductive Rights Network, a community coalition of over 50 local organizations, including the Sierra Club.

Scholarships totaling nearly $3,000 were awarded for a sustainable future

For more information contact: Cynthia Mathews, 425-1551 x29 or mathews@cruzio.com.

Local marchers carry the Sierra Club banner in Washington D.C. by Cynthia Mathews

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Bulger is an experienced hiker who backpacks often and has climbed over 100 Sierra peaks. The two-hour class is offered from 1-3:00 p.m. on August 12. Parents are encouraged to enroll with their children. To register call 420-5270 or visit www.santacruzparksandsandrec.com.

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A patch of one’s own

by Todd Newberry

A mile up the road from where I live is one of the University of California’s arboretums, a spectacular site overlooking Monterey Bay. When, thirty years ago, a macadamia bush and some eucalyptus trees were planted to start this collection, these fifty acres were just the corner of a huge upland pasture, with mucky wallows and almost impenetrable thickets where, as I recall, big and scary cattle lurked. Now most of the acreage has become gardens, copses, and greenhouses filled with expatriate plants from South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. It is a nightmare for devotees of native plants and “indoor” cats.

With expatriate plants from South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, it is a nightmare for devotees of native plants but a splendid habitat for native birds. In the course of the year, a birder here will find close to eighty kinds of birds.

Some of the arboretum’s bucolic surroundings are about to change. Beyond one fence line, a few slopes are still remnant ranchland; even now, cattle occasionally graze there. A creek has worn gentle hollows across these pastures. Misbegotten attempts long ago to turn part of the creek bed into a reservoir have left two dikes. During the winter rains one of them holds back enough water to make a respectable pond amidst the willows, and the other dike stops enough to flood a woody marsh. By late spring the water has seeped away into the caverns that riddle this land. The creek and its hollows are slated for “restoration,” which means the loss of some old attractions for wildlife—let’s hope with the gain of some new ones. But along another fence line, the university plans to border this idyllic place with a big project: townhouses for people and “indoor” cats.

As these acres have gone from pasture to gardens, their birdlife has completely changed, and more changes are in store. As the university’s campus intrudes, the meadowlarks will leave the open fields and replace them with a new townhouse’s escapee cats will think they have arrived in Heaven. They will adopt the arboretum’s gardens as their own—the new townhouses’ escapee cats and the other ground-loving birds that have found close to eighty kinds of birds.

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Eat organic
Gary Harold wrote to remind us all that buying and eating organic produce helps reduce the pesticides and other pollutants in our waterways, air, and the Monterey Bay. By increasing the demand for organic produce, we also provide safer working conditions for agricultural workers. Now isn’t that worth the extra expense?

Something fishy
Beware the “organic” label on fish. The National Organics Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the official organic seal on produce and other foods, has not developed standards for fish. Most fish sporting the “organic” label is farm-raised. Without national standards, producers can use their own standards.

On the money
John Muir and Yosemite have been chosen to grace the California State Quarter. The design by artist Garrett Burke pays homage to Club founder John Muir who spawned the modern conservation movement. In addition, the coin will depict the California condor.

Mass action
In May, the governor of Massachusetts unveiled a state plan for cutting CO2 emissions. The plan calls for replacing state owned SUVs with hybrids as well as regulatory changes, proposed laws, and incentive programs to address global warming.

This action by a Republican governor stands in stark contrast to the Bush administration’s lack of action to curb global warming.
The Bush administration’s record on global warming demonstrates a string of broken pledges and backtracked policies. In its first months in office, the administration broke a campaign commitment to curb global warming from power plants, pulled the United States out of the international global warming treaty, and announced a destructive energy policy that would increase U.S. global warming emissions by deepening our reliance on polluting fossil fuels.

Smells bad
New documents uncovered by the Chicago Tribune revealed how the Bush administration worked in secret to craft a deal with the meat industry to exempt factory farms from air pollution requirements. Both the American Public Health Association and the National Academy of Sciences have stated that pollution from factory farms jeopardizes public health. Factory farms generate as much waste as a small city and spew toxic gases and other pollutants into the air.

Rebates still available for solar-electric systems
The California Energy Commission (CEC) still has $32 million to help pay for renewable-energy systems for home use. Now is the time to sign up for a clean, solar-electric system for your home. Photovoltaics, the big solar-electric panels seen on rooftops, turn energy from sunlight into electricity. Solar electric users not only help the environment, they also reduce our dependence on expensive imported fuels.

Since the CEC began its current rebate program at least 287 homes, schools, and businesses in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties have installed photovoltaic systems and have received substantial rebates on the purchase cost. Currently the rebate is $33.20 per watt on July 1. As an additional incentive, up to 7.5% of the remaining cost can be claimed as a state tax credit.

Locally, the city of Santa Cruz is the leader with over 100 installed photovoltaic systems and three wind systems which are also eligible for rebates. By contrast all of Monterey County has about 46 solar energy systems.

Watsonville has 32 and Carmel Valley has 9. To find out how your city is doing visit the website below. Click on the Program Background link, then the Emerging Renewables Program link, and then the Data File for Completed Systems link.

To learn more about the rebates and tax credits check out the renewable energy website: www.consumerenergyinfor.com/renewable. To look for installers, look under “Solar Energy Equipment” in the yellow pages. And don’t forget Ventana advertisers. When you install your system, the earth will breathe a little easier.


Reviewed by Debbie Bulger

The earth is in trouble. In China the Gobi Desert expanded by an area half the size of Pennsylvania from 1994 to 1998. Life expectancy in sub-Saharan Africa has dropped from 62 to 47 years. World grain production/person is dropping. Water tables have fallen in China, the United States, and India which together produce half the world’s grain.

In business, the term “plan B” refers to an alternate plan one has in reserve for those times when the original strategy is not working. Brown argues for the immediate implementation of measures to save the earth from disaster.

Brown, founder of the Earth Policy Institute, asks whether the United States will continue with business as usual or exercise the leadership necessary to mobilize world resources to avert water shortages, food shortages, climate change, population explosion, and the social unrest and economic collapse that will result.

The good news is that there are demonstrated solutions to each of these problems being implemented around the world today.

Brown points out that the economic collapse of food production could occur first. We are already witnessing the collapse of wild fish stocks. On land, our deep pumping of non-replenishable fossil aquifers such as those under the American Midwest and in India, threaten our ability to grow crops. Eroding soils worldwide are decreasing land productivity. In the U.S. especially, we are paving over prime cropland for roads and parking lots. Rising temperatures also negatively affect crop yields. For example, the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines has discovered that the fertility of rice drops from 120% at 93°F to zero at 104°F. Ohio State University researchers have noted that photosynthesis begins to drop off when the temperature exceeds 95°F.

One of the economic tools Brown advocates is market honesty, i.e., charging the true cost for goods and services based on their indirect costs as well as direct costs. By lowering taxes on income and raising taxes on harmful things like carbon emissions, governments can speed up the shift to sustainable agriculture and industry.

Subsidy shifting must also occur he feels. A 1997 report observed, “... there is something unbelievable about the world spending hundreds of billions of dollars annually to subsidize its own destruction.” Instead of assisting climate change by subsidizing the fossil fuel industries, Brown urges governments to shift these subsidies to wind, solar, and fuel cell research and installation. Some countries have already led the way. China cut its coal subsidy from $750 million in 1993 to $240 million in 1995 and has imposed a tax on high sulfur coal. Germany is talking about lowering its carbon emissions 40% by 2020.

Brown demonstrates many ways to raise water productivity, stabilize population, cut carbon emissions, and fund the necessary changes confronting us. The only question remaining is whether or not we have the will to change.

This easy-to-read book should be required reading for all political office holders.

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The timeline and rules listed below are based on the Sierra Club’s guidelines for chapter and group elections of members to Executive Committees.

1. Chapter/Group Election Timeframes


June-August: Nominating Committee consider chapter/group members for Executive Committees; choose at least two more candidates than the number of openings on each ExCom.

July: Nominating candidates may begin to circulate petitions. They may contact the chapter Election Committee Chair, Mary Gale, at 626-3565 to determine whether they are being considered for nomination.

August 28: Chapter and Group NomComs submit names of candidates to Chapter ExCom.

September 8: Election Committee Chair provides candidate names to Chapter groups/offices and to webmaster for member information.

Sept. 20: Election Committee Chair submits election article to Ventana Editor for inclusion in autumn Ventana.

October 8: All candidate petitions and statements with photos for inclusion in election mailing to members must be submitted to Election Chair; materials not received by the deadline will not be included in the mailing.

October 22: Election materials delivered to mailing house.

November 15: Election materials mailed to members.

December 3: Deadline for postmark on returned ballots.

December 18: Counting of ballots.

December 30: Election Committee Chair reports election results to Chapter ExCom.

II. Election Rules and Procedures

Nominating Committees consist of no fewer than 3 members, appointed by ExCom, in spring and, whose term expires on Dec. 31. Their membership is published in the August Ventana.

Rules: Duties nominate and report names to Chapter ExCom by the end of August. NomComs shall nominate at least 2 more candidates than the number of ExCom members to be elected; all must have given their consent to the nomination.

Deliberation of the NomCom may be open or closed at NomCom discretion; no committee members may be nominated. Names of nominees shall be published in the October Ventana.

Petition Candidates: The name of any chapter or group member proposed in writing by 25 members and who gives consent shall be included on the ballot. The petition must be postmarked or delivered to the Election Chair by October 8. July 1 is the first day for circulation of a nominating petition, and shall be in a form prepared by the Secretary and made available to petition candidates at the Chapter/Group offices. The form shall provide for names, signature, and addresses of signers and dates of signature. The Secretary shall verify the membership of signers to determine if a sufficient number appear on the petition. A candidate statement in the form prescribed by the Election Chair shall accompany the petition when it is submitted to the Secretary.

Candidate Statements: The Election Chair shall provide to all candidates a standard format for statements, specifying the length, organization, and content. All candidates shall submit statements which conform to these specifications; material may be edited for accuracy, suit- ability, and length, and is confidential until published. Statements not received by the October 8 deadline will not be included in the mailing to members.

III. Balloting Committee: This committee of not less than 3 members is appointed by ExCom. No candidate may serve on this committee. Balloting Committee shall prepare for mailing by November 15 a brief description of the election procedure, the candidates’ statements, and ballots with return envelopes. Separate ballots, accompanied by the candidates’ statements, shall be mailed to each member. The return envelope shall bear a distinctive return address so as to insure prompt receipt by the Secretary, who shall hold the ballots unopened until the election closes, and then give them to the Balloting Committee for opening, validation, and counting of ballots. The counting process shall be subject to observers, one appointed by each candidate. Balloting Committee shall notify candidates of the time and place for opening and counting of the ballots. If the winning candidates’ margin of victory is 10 votes or fewer, the ballots shall be counted again. Before counting ballots, Balloting Committee shall check names off a master list of Chapter members, unless computer printed labels are part of the ballot. Any amendments may be considered before the Secretary, who shall report to the candidates and the ExCom. Within 5 days the Balloting Committee shall submit a written report of the election results to the ExCom. The election is not deemed complete until the report is received. ExCom shall establish a formal objection procedure, which shall be initiated within 30 days of the submission of the formal report of Balloting Committee to ExCom. The ballots shall not be destroyed before the end of the 30 day period, or before any formal objection has been processed, including the time during which the election is protested to the national Sierra Club.

IV. Election campaigning:

Campaigning for chapter/group officer is permitted; however, no campaign statements other than those submitted to and approved by the Election Chair, and no advertisements, shall appear in the Ventana or any other Sierra Club publication. After publica- tion of names of candidates, no article by or about a candidate may appear in the Ventana unless it pertains to the ordinary performance of the duties of the candidate as a member of the Sierra Club. Each candidate shall have an equal opportunity to respond to published or circulated campaign statements of other candidates and shall be given an equal opportunity to address any matters concerning their candidacy. No candidate may spend more than $100 for campaign expenses, regardless of source. The Chapter membership mailing list shall be made available to candidates for the purpose of sending campaign material. Campaign material shall be identified by source, and copies shall be sent to the NomCom and to all candidates in time to permit timely responses. Sierra Club entities shall not endorse candidates, but any member may endorse and speak for a candidate as an individual, as distin- guished from a chapter or group. Editors of the Ventana are not permitted to endorse a candidate. Candidates may not sign arguments accompanying ballot issues such as by-law changes. Candidates may address such issues in their candidate statements.

V. Amendments to Election Rules:

Any amendments may be considered and made each year, by May, by ExCom. The rules, as they may have been amended, shall be published each year in the Ventana for Jul/Aug.

VI. Election Timeline:

ExCom shall adopt this annually, in June, setting out the dates for all proce- dures specified in the by-laws and these rules. The timetable shall be published in the Ventana for Jul/Aug.
“Every human generation takes as nature’s standard or baseline what existed at first sight, or what they became accustomed to while young. Tragically, they remain unaware of what was lost in previous generations, as well as what is continuing to be lost incrementally during their own lives.”

—Jacob Sigg in Fremontia, October 2003, p.22.