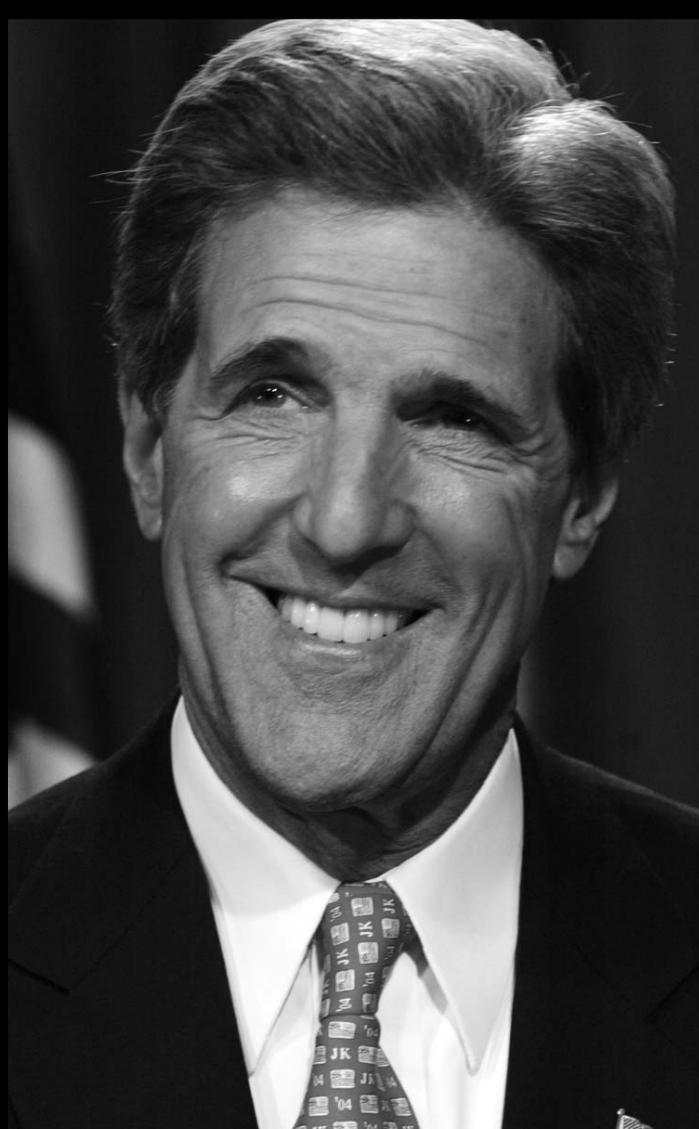


# The VENTANA

MAGAZINE OF THE VENTANA CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB



## Volunteer to walk precincts in Oregon or Nevada

This year's Presidential election will be decided by just a handful of swing states. The Sierra Club is doing its part to make sure people know about the urgency of this election through our Environmental Voter Education Campaign (EVEC). By going door to door talking to people about the environmental voting records of both candidates, we will help people make an educated decision on November 2. The most effective way to make a difference is through direct contact with voters.

**Celia Scott of Santa Cruz recently volunteered in Portland, Oregon. Here is her account:**

As the airplane descended into the Portland airport on Friday afternoon, it was obvious that the weather predictions had been correct. My weekend of walking with the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) would be wet and windy! My commitment to volunteer time in a swing state on the presidential election campaign was waterproof, however. It turned out to be an exciting adventure that far outweighed both damp clothes and fatigue.

By Friday at 5:00 p.m. (after a light rail train ride from the airport into Portland, and another short bus trip), I was being trained for the evening walk at LCV headquarters. Loaded with a clipboard, instructions, literature comparing Kerry and Bush positions on environmental issues, and a walking list, we took off for an eastside Portland neighbor-

hood, walking in rain until 8:30 p.m. (well after dark).

It quickly became clear that Kerry supporters were predominant and that a majority of those contacted considered the Iraq war and the economy as the two most critical issues facing the country. The energy and good spirits of my walking companions, and the chance to interact directly with a variety of people, kept me going through the wind and the rain.

Saturday's walk with the Sierra Club through different neighborhoods in southeast Portland drew nearly 50 volunteers, as well as Bill Arthur, the National Field Director of the Club's EVEC. Once again a group of sturdy people walked through wind and rain, knocking on well over 600 doors, educating people about the environmental records of the two presidential candidates and recruiting a sizeable number of volunteers.

Spirits were high at the barbecue/feast in Mt. Scott Park following the community walk. And everyone was pleased that someone had come all the way from California to help out the tremendous effort that is going on in this swing state!

Both LCV and the Sierra Club will be continuing their outreach efforts right up to the November election. Volunteers are needed for phoning, office work, and direct face-to-face contact with voters on weekdays and weekends. It's a great way to make a difference!

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### Vote for the environment November 2

The topic on everyone's mind is the election November 2 and the urgent need for a new President in White House. On all fronts, but especially in its assault on the environment, the Bush Administration has been a disaster. Its policies have rolled back environmental protections that have been in place for decades.

Some of the Administration's most offensive acts, identified by Sierra Club and other environmental organizations, are:

- Bush's proposal to weaken clean air rules that would allow the amount of

mercury in our air and water to increase by three times more than is allowed by existing rules.

- Bush's "Healthy Forest Initiative," which is anything but healthy for our national forests, and which would, in fact, expand logging on 190 million acres.

- Bush's energy plan which calls for opening 70 million additional acres to oil exploration instead of supporting ways to conserve oil.

- Bush's policies which exempt mega-polluters from paying to clean up their toxic waste (including Superfund sites) leaving taxpayers to foot the bill.

- Bush's weakened environmental protection on 234 million acres of federal land, opening these lands to additional roads, mining, oil drilling, logging and snowmobiling.

What can you do for our environment? Get involved with local and national campaigns that promise to protect the environment. Offer to work in campaign headquarters, or to walk precincts for environmentally-sensitive candidates.

It will take each of us to put Sierra Club-endorsed candidates in office. Our endorsements are on page 12.

And above all vote. If you have moved since the last election, contact the County Election Office and reregister. The last day to register to vote is October 18. If you have children away at school, be sure they are also registered to vote.

Don't be turned away at the polls. Be sure your registration information is up to date.

—Rita Dalessio

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Heat's on

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. If the concept of climate change has been too abstract for you, go to the library and look at the September issue of *National Geographic*.

Take your pick of images. The cover screams out to get your attention. "GLOBAL WARNING, BULLETINS FROM A WARMER WORLD," shouts the headline against a backdrop of billowing smoke from a forest fire. That's an image we Californians understand.

Tugging at your heartstrings are photos of a Bangladeshi widow whose rice field is sinking into the sea and hungry Ethiopian children whose drought-plagued country faces more declining rainfall. These pictures make real the connection between the plight of humans and human-caused changes to the natural world.

Closer to home are images of dry streams in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and a cracked and desiccated shore of a half-full Lake Powell in Utah. The caption reports that the Sacramento River gets 12% less water from snowpack than it did 100 years ago.

And then there is the photo documentation of the changing natural world: The dramatic shots of receding glaciers and shrinking ice shelves. The eerie glow of a dying coral reef, the familiar image of masses of monarch butterflies hanging from trees in Mexico where millions of these winged wonders died from freezing temperatures combined with more precipitation there in 2000.

My favorite photo is of the oh-so-cute pica, a diminutive rock dweller I have seen often in the mountains. These heat sensitive mammals are losing habitat to heat and could face extinction.

"So what does this all have to do with me?" you might ask. Everything. Warming oceans, dry streambeds, collapsing ice shelves, increasing spread of West Nile Disease, rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels and more affect us all.

The question is, "What are we going to do about it?" "What am I going to do about it?" On p. 4 we see what one local city is doing. Hundreds of Sierra Club members are adjusting their lifestyles by driving less, buying more fuel-efficient motor vehicles, buying more-efficient home appliances, installing solar power on their homes and more.

Voting No on Measure J can help us turn our attention toward more environmentally-friendly transportation than the automobile.

—Debbie Bulger

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### Monstrous Houses Gobble the Landscape

Changes on my small country road leave me feeling like a curmudgeon, digging in my heels against change and harking back to 15 years ago when I moved to this rural valley. People need housing, and I don't want to be a N.I.M.B.Y., but the changes here only accelerate the gap between rich and poor. I chose this area because of its undeveloped state and the plethora of nature. The valley was filled with apple orchards, where owls hooted and coyotes howled at night, coveys of quail browsed and herds of deer moved between the hills. Neighbors spoke to each other.

Today everything is changed. Once wild areas are now filled with a phantasmagorical collection of French chateaus, California suburban palaces and Tudor mansions.

The apple orchards have been ripped out and the Christmas tree farm cut down, replaced with fenced vineyards. The populations of deer, owls, rabbits, foxes, coyotes, and wildcats are largely diminished.

A recent house for sale exemplifies the change. On the market for almost \$3 million, the house boasts of being built on a "Sunset Western Dream Home" plan where "every inch" of the 2.5-acre parcel "is groomed and put to use." In addition to the 4-bedroom/3-bath house "plus a bonus room and den," there's a swimming pool, barn, 3-car detached garage, dog kennel, outside fireplace, extensive patios, horse "pastures" and a riding arena, although I have yet to see a horse being ridden or even someone outside. Did I mention that the compound is fenced and gated?

Under construction on a neighboring parcel sits a two-story, five-car garage with an apartment and what appears to be an 8,000-sq. ft. house towering over new vineyards.

The rural ambiance, wildlife and quiet have been replaced with ostentatious displays of wealth and status. Bright lights line driveways and pathways at night. Neighbors never wave or stop to talk. SUVs and luxury cars speed down the road, the drivers a blur behind locked doors and rolled up windows. Houses represent lavish garrisons standing like guard towers over the land. Any except the wealthy are priced out. Rather than serving housing needs, these houses create an "us" and "them" atmosphere.

Is it really necessary to have such large, lavish houses? Does every inch of the land need to be developed, destroying animal habitat, a natural environment and a rural setting? Toward what end are these monuments to success and wealth built?

—Don Monkerud

Aptos

# Santa Cruz County residents demand more recycling and waste reduction

Where does your trash end up? Is a landfill an appropriate land use in the Coastal Zone? Is building another landfill or shipping trash to a Monterey County site a 21st century solution for disposing of solid waste?

Santa Cruz County residents forcefully expressed their opinion on these issues at a standing-room-only meeting at the 784-seat Henry Mello Center in Watsonville on September 2. The meeting was called to solicit comments on 23 sites proposed for the next Santa Cruz County landfill. Sites in Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Monterey and San Benito Counties had been selected by County Public Works staff and the Integrated Waste Management Task Force, composed of elected officials and representatives of all the cities and the county.

Early in the meeting 10 sites were deleted from consideration. Residents of areas still under consideration gave testimony lasting three more hours. Many corrections were offered to the data pre-

### Club requests EIR for Crossroads project

The Ventana Chapter is joining other groups in requesting that the proposed development at the Crossroads Shopping Center, at Rio Road and Highway 1, in Carmel be subject to a complete Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

This project involves the demolition of a Safeway Market, a theater, and a mall. More than 64,000 square feet of structural material will have to be removed by truck from the site. Then, enough material to construct 85,000 square feet of new mall (third anchor) and a new Safeway Market will have to be trucked to the site. The developers also propose to raise the new Safeway by 7 feet, to protect the market from flooding.

Problems that need to be addressed in the EIR include:

- Hydrology experts are divided on the impact of the project on the Carmel River and surrounding properties.

- There is no traffic mitigation required for the continuous convoys (anticipate 3 years) of trucks necessary to remove 64,000 square feet of structural material, replace it with 85,000 square feet of structural material, and haul the 3,000 truckloads of dirt needed to build up the site of the new Safeway Market.

- The developer failed to provide traffic estimates and mitigation for the additional traffic that is certain to be generated by the addition of 31,000 square feet of retail space.

sented by the staff on rainfall levels, fault zones, aquifers, domestic water intake, well levels, recharge areas, endangered species, road dimensions, traffic volumes and collision figures.

Most speakers came in defense of a particular site or area, but all were united in calling for a "21st century solution" to the County's growing solid waste problem. Landfills were characterized as an outmoded approach, no longer appropriate given the volume and composition of modern trash. Few spoke in support of sending trash to the Marina landfill, despite the fact that administrators of that facility had solicited Santa Cruz County's business.

In the last half-hour, a motion to dismiss from further consideration an additional seven sites left only three. Finally, as substantial testimony had been received regarding the geologic, Land Trust status, and environmental justice aspects of the remaining three sites, the Task Force unanimously declared all the sites unsuitable for landfill use.

The Task Force will recommend to

the Board of Supervisors that they explore alternatives to landfilling, including collecting household kitchen waste with green-waste for composting, expanded commercial and residential recycling, and waste conversion technology.

The only real solution to the growing problem of waste generated by the increasing population in Santa Cruz County will be found by reducing consumption while increasing recycling. The Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club has requested that Santa Cruz County redirect funds from landfill site acquisition and proposed road modifications needed for a new landfill to efforts that will increase recycling and reduce solid waste.



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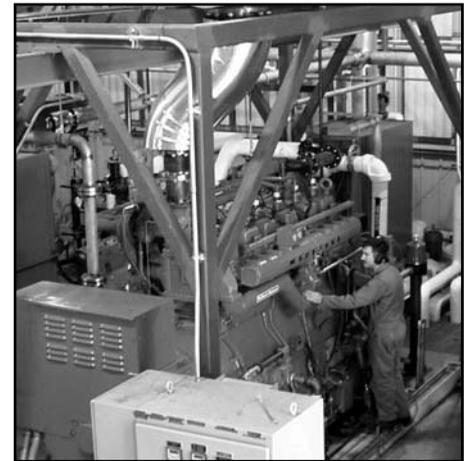
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# City of Santa Cruz adds to its renewable energy system



Solar panels on the roof of the Santa Cruz Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility.



Photos provided by the City of Santa Cruz

One of the huge generators which produce electricity from methane gas produced during wastewater treatment.



A 14-kilowatt system was placed atop the City Hall Annex in December 2001.

With the completion this summer of a solar photovoltaic system at the city Corporation Yard, the city of Santa Cruz is now generating approximately 33% of the total electric power used by city facilities.

The solar installation at the Corporate Yard is 55-kilowatts. Although the total system cost \$370,000 to install, the cost to the city was only \$185,000 because of a rebate from the PG&E Self Generation Program. The city expects to save around \$12,000 per year in electric power costs. The savings should pay for the system in 10 to 15 years, and the system is expected to last 25 years.

The Corporation Yard array is the third photovoltaic system installed on

city facilities. A 14-kilowatt system was placed atop the City Hall Annex in December 2001, and a 50-kilowatt system went on line at the Wastewater Treatment Facility in December 2002. Together, the three solar power systems are estimated to prevent 138 tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year that would have been generated by non-renewable power production.

In addition to the three solar power systems, the City of Santa Cruz has two other renewable energy facilities. Landfill gas from the city's Resource Recovery Facility powers a cogeneration facility that produces 5.4 megawatts of electricity each year. This system was installed in 1989. In 1991 a digester gas cogeneration system was installed at the

Wastewater Treatment Facility. This system produces about 3.4 megawatts of electricity annually. Its break even point was less than five years. The city and county received a \$396,000 rebate on this \$1.7 million project.

By taking advantage of various grants and other programs designed to encourage renewable power sources, the city of Santa Cruz has achieved major savings in installation costs for these systems. The

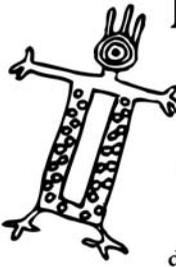
2001 project on the City Hall Annex cost \$133,400 but cost the city only \$27,600 due to grants and rebates. The photovoltaic system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant cost \$385,000 to install; cost to the city with rebates was \$194,212.

*The City of Santa Cruz is a member of the international group, Cities for Climate Protection, aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.*

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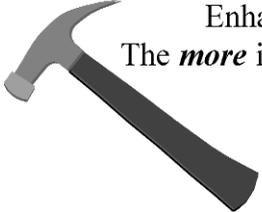
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Senator John Kerry has stood up to polluters and been a champion of protecting human health and the environment during his entire career in public office.

He spoke at the first Earth Day in Massachusetts in 1970. As Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, Kerry chaired an Acid Rain Task Force and issued a "Call for Action" on the topic of air pollution. As a Senator he has championed the cause of conservation, been a leader in the fight against polluters, and blocked the Bush Administration's efforts to reverse 30 years of environmental progress.

From clean air to clean water to toxics to public lands to energy, we can count on John Kerry to provide leadership, vision, and solutions so that all Americans can have a clean, safe, healthy environment.

#### **John Kerry on clean air**

John Kerry has been a leader in the fight for clean air since before his election to the U.S. Senate in 1984. In his first year as a Senator, John Kerry introduced the National Acid Rain Control Act to improve standards and create a fund for clean air. He has continued to work for cleaner air since then, defending the Clean Air Act against weakening in 1990 and more recently opposing the Bush Administration's attempts to weaken the Clean Air Act's New Source Review rules. John Kerry opposes President Bush's plans to increase the allowable toxic mercury pollution in our air, and as President would immediately reinstate Clean Air protections weakened under the Bush Administration.

#### **John Kerry on clean water**

John Kerry has consistently pushed for strengthening protections for our nation's waters and drinking water. In his first year in the Senate, John Kerry sponsored a bill to help states clean up water quality problems due to acid rain.

He was a vocal opponent of the Bush Administration's attempt to weaken drinking water standards for arsenic, and he pushed for the Bush Administration to repeal a dangerous proposed rulemaking that would have removed 20 million acres of wetlands from Clean Water Act protections. He opposed federal funding for polluting factory farms that are a major source of water pollution. Kerry also opposed Bush's proposal to allow coal companies to shave off mountaintops and bury the rivers below under tons of mine waste in violation of the Clean Water Act.

#### **John Kerry on energy and global warming**

John Kerry advocates a responsible, forward-looking energy policy that would reduce our dependence on oil; increase the energy efficiency of our buildings, homes, and appliances; increase the amount of clean, renewable energy used to create electricity; and make our cars and trucks go further on a gallon of gas. He has championed and introduced legislation on a number of measures to improve fuel economy and to require the use of more clean renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power. Kerry has been a champion in leading the fight to defeat the Bush Administration's polluting energy bill, which was hatched in secret by the Cheney Energy Task Force in 2001. In addition, Kerry has been a leading voice for the need to take immediate significant steps to combat global warming. He was a participant in the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio and a delegate to the 1997 Kyoto and 2000 Hague climate talks.

#### **John Kerry on protecting our public lands**

John Kerry has been a leading advo-

## **John Kerry is the Sierra Club's choice for President of the United States**

cate for protecting our wild places. He has been a key champion in the fight to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil and gas drilling by designating the unprotected portion of the Refuge as wilderness. He is a vocal proponent of not only fully funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which enables local, state, and federal agencies to purchase land for parks and wildlife refuges, but hard-wiring funding so that adequate resources are available annually. He has consistently opposed extending subsidies for logging in national forests; defended the Roadless Rule to protect 58 million acres of undeveloped national forests, which the Bush Administration is aggressively attempting to dismantle; and committed to reinstating this rule as one of his first acts as President. In addition, Kerry has strongly opposed efforts to weaken or abandon drilling moratoria on the Outer Continental Shelf.

#### **John Kerry on protecting wildlife**

John Kerry has been the primary advocate for marine mammal protection, having authored the Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 1994, which were later signed into law by President Clinton, and legislation to ban the use of drift nets, which threaten dolphins and other marine life.

Senator Kerry opposes exempting the Department of Defense from the Endangered Species Act and has opposed attempts by the Bush Administration to weaken the Act. As President, Kerry would seek additional Congressional funding for ESA implementation, coordinate agency actions and develop cooperative agreements with property owners to protect endangered species.

#### **John Kerry on international trade**

John Kerry has led the way in demanding trade agreements that create jobs and spur the economy without opening the door to attacks on worker or environmental rights. In 2002, Senator Kerry sponsored legislation that would have prevented trade agreements from undermining environmental protections. As President, he said he would veto any trade agreement that does not include recognized labor and environmental rights with enforcement provisions in the core agreement.

#### **John Kerry on urban sprawl**

John Kerry has been a staunch supporter of proactively addressing urban sprawl, supporting initiatives to recover urban parks and recreation spaces, co-sponsoring legislation to clean up and

reclaim brownfields, and supporting improved public transportation planning and funding.

#### **John Kerry on cleaning up toxic wastes**

John Kerry has been a steadfast supporter of Superfund, cosponsoring legislation and voting to reinstate the "polluter pays" tax on polluting industries that the Bush Administration has refused to support. Kerry favors reform of the 1872 mining law to provide stronger environmental protection and avoid future toxic mine waste sites.

#### **John Kerry on family planning**

John Kerry recognizes that global population growth threatens the environmental health of our planet. He believes that women worldwide should have the choices and resources necessary to plan the size of their families. That's why John Kerry opposes the "Gag Rule" imposed by President Bush that has reduced the United States' financial support to international family planning clinics worldwide. He also supports preserving a woman's right to choose the family planning option that she and her doctor believe is best.

#### **Kerry's record**

As a senator, Kerry has consistently supported the Sierra Club's agenda; the League of Conservation Voters this year gave Kerry a 96.5% career rating, the highest LCV rating of any presidential nominee ever from a major party.

Kerry's running mate, Senator John Edwards, has led congressional opposition to the Bush administration's plans to weaken the Clean Air Act, calling on the EPA to make power plants in 13 states reduce smokestack emissions. He has fought to protect North Carolina's beaches and waterways and spoken out forcefully against the administration's backward-thinking energy bill. Edwards has fought to secure funding for environmental projects such as new waste treatment technology to help hog farmers clean up waste lagoons, and he has introduced legislation to make the Blue Ridge Mountains a National Heritage Area, as well as legislation that would offer a tax credit for the use of environmentally-friendly technology.

#### **Club selection procedure**

*The Sierra Club's Political Committee sent an environmental questionnaire to all of the presidential candidates earlier this year, and the Club's interview team interviewed the seven Democratic contenders who returned the questionnaires. (President Bush did not return his questionnaire.) "Senator Kerry had an amazing grasp of the issues," reported Sierra Club President, Larry Fabn. "This guy really gets it."*

## Sierra Club Events

Friday, October 8

### Potluck & Slide Show: Japan

World traveler Vilma Siebers will present this slide show from her trip to Japan. 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own plate, cup, utensils, and serving utensils. We love home-cooked food, but

### Deadline for organic farming apprenticeships is Nov. 1

Applications are due by November 1 for the intensive 6-month course in organic gardening and small-scale farming offered by The Center for Agroecology at UC Santa Cruz. Apprentices learn about growing plants organically on both a hand-dug scale and tractor-cultivated field scale. The course covers soil preparation, composting, sowing, cultivation, propagation, irrigation, pests/disease control and marketing.

Each year up to 40 apprentices enroll in this program from all over the United States and foreign countries. Some scholarships are available. The program begins in April 2005. For further information contact Apprenticeship Information, CASFS, UCSC, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, 459-3695, [www.ucsc.edu/casfs](http://www.ucsc.edu/casfs).

**EarthVision**  
International Environmental Video Festival

### International Environmental Film & Video Festival

October 27 - October 30

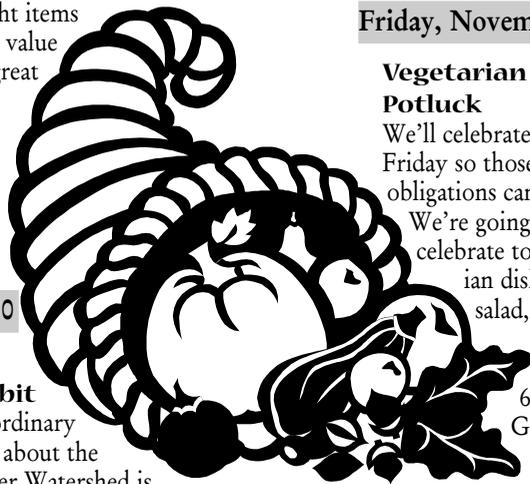
Opening night for the gala EarthVision film festival will be held at the historic Del Mar Theater in downtown Santa Cruz starting with a catered reception at 6:30 p.m. Screenings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Now in its 7th year, the EarthVision festival promotes environmental awareness by bringing attention to the environment and honoring filmmakers who seek to protect the earth. It educates in a fun, artistic way and strives to create change by generating concern and enthusiasm in audiences.

The festival is open to the public with a \$5-10 donation at the door. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information visit [www.earthvision.org](http://www.earthvision.org).



store-bought items (minimum value \$4) make great contributions too. For directions call George, 335-7748.



thru Oct. 30

### Rumme Art Exhibit

The extraordinary art exhibit about the Pajaro River Watershed is now showing at the Gavilan College Library in Gilroy through October 30. Sponsored in part by the Sierra Club, this multimedia exhibit features the work of 30 professional artists and an installation of a river of photos by Janet Martinez. If you missed the exhibit when it was in Watsonville, here's your chance.

Friday, October 22

### 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.

Saturday, October 30

### Wilderness Celebration

The Ventana Wilderness Alliance, the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Brazil Ranch Environmental Center and the US Forset Service are sponsoring a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Act at the Brazil Ranch in Big Sur on October 30.

The program will include speakers Representative Sam Farr, Forest Supervisor Gloria Brown, and USFS Region 5 Wilderness Manager Peter Keller followed by a catered lunch and hikes on the ranch. FREE.

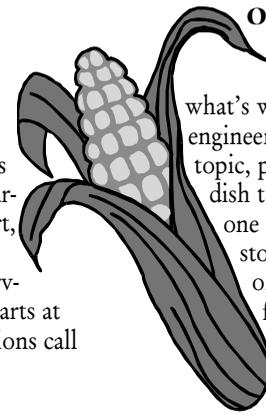
Space is limited and this event will fill up soon. For reservations and further details email [jon@ventanawild.org](mailto:jon@ventanawild.org) or call 423-3191.

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Friday, November 26

### Vegetarian Thanksgiving Potluck

We'll celebrate Thanksgiving on Friday so those who have family obligations 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. The potluck starts at 6:30 p.m. For directions call George, 335-7748.



Friday, December 3

### Organic Vegan Potluck and Video

We'll watch a movie about what's wrong with our genetically-engineered food. Since we are on that topic, please bring an organic vegan dish to share. Need ideas? Shop at one of our local natural food stores and they'll help you find organic and vegan substitutes for most of what you need or e-mail [george.jammal@ventana.sierraclub.org](mailto:george.jammal@ventana.sierraclub.org) for ideas. The potluck begins at 6:30. For directions call George, 335-7748.

### 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.

FREE Worm Workshops

Learn how worms can eat your food scraps and make beautiful compost for your garden. FREE workshop for Santa Cruz County residents, 1-3:00 p.m. Optional worm bin \$15. Call to reserve worm bin. Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. Call Karin Grobe, 427-3452.

Sun., Oct. 10, Scarborough Gardens, 33 El Pueblo Rd., Scotts Valley

Sat., Nov. 20, Grey Bears Recycling Facility, 2710 Chanticleer, Santa Cruz

Sun., Dec. 12, Grey Bears Recycling Facility, 2710 Chanticleer, Santa Cruz

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 may be found on their website: [www.mprpd.org](http://www.mprpd.org).

Saturdays (see dates below)

### Habitat restoration — California Native Plant Society

Volunteer to restore native habitat in State Parks in Santa Cruz Co. Wear 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. Contact Linda Brodman, 462-4041, [redwdrn@pacbell.net](mailto:redwdrn@pacbell.net). website: [www.cruzcnps.org](http://www.cruzcnps.org).

Oct. 23 Natural Bridges State Park  
Nov. 13 Henry Cowell State Park  
Nov. 27 Sunset Beach State Park  
Dec. 11 Henry Cowell State Park

Second and fourth Saturdays

### Habitat restoration — Watsonville

Second and fourth Saturdays each month. Sponsored by Watsonville Wetlands Watch. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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.

Fridays - Sundays, October 8-31

### Theater: Second Nature

Nine actors perform original works honoring Nature's power to heal, renew and delight. Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Carmel. Call for ticket prices and reservations, 484-9346.

Wilderness First Aid

Two-day course (16 hours) for trip leaders and rescue team members. Covers the basics of emergency care with emphasis on extended care situations. Topics include patient assessment, shock, soft tissue injuries, fractures, dislocations, hypothermia, heat illness & altitude sickness. Emphasis on principles of treatment and decision making. A Wilderness First Aid card awarded on completion of course. You may register over the phone between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. M-F, 459-2806. Classes taught at UC Santa Cruz by Wilderness Medicine Institute of National Outdoor Leadership Program. \$160 for non-UCSC students.

Class 1: Sat. & Sun. Oct. 23-24; Class 2: Sat & Sun., Nov. 13-14. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day.

# 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.

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; slight elevation gain; easy pace.

**Moderate:** 5-10 miles; up to 2,000' gain; boots; better than average fitness required.

**Strenuous:** 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 S in Carmel, turn left on Rio Rd., left on Via Nona Marie, then left into the parking lot behind Monterey County Bank.

**Albertson's/Bagel Bakery:** Heading south on Hwy. 1, pass through Monterey. One mile past the Ocean Ave. intersection, turn left on Carmel Valley Rd. Almost immediately, turn right at the light toward the stores. Albertson's and Bagel Bakery are on the right.

**Santa Cruz County Govt. Center:** The large grey building at the corner of Ocean and Water in Santa Cruz. We meet at the corner of the parking lot 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 Ave.**

**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

Saturday, October 9

### HIKE: JUNIPERO SERRA PEAK

11-mile hike to the summit of Junipero Serra. Strenuous climb with 3800' elevation gain. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Bagel Bakery. Call for more details. Leader: Betsy MacGowan, 510-215-9255 or bmacgowan@hotmail.com.

Sunday, October TBA

### HIKE: PINNACLES CAVES

Let's take advantage of this rare chance to visit the Bear Gulch caves. They are usually closed because of the breeding of the bats. The exact date will not be known until one week before the bats leave. Strenuous 12 miles with 1200' elevation gain. Bring lunch, water, flashlight, carpool \$, and wear good hiking boots. Optional dinner after. Call for more information. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Saturday, October 9

### HIKE & RIVER WALK: HENRY COWELL

We'll cross the San Lorenzo River a few times and stop at the Observation Deck. Be prepared to take off your boots or wear ones that you don't mind getting wet. A pair of sandals is a good idea. We'll have the option of hiking or wading in the river for up to half a mile. Wear a swimsuit or keep a dry change of clothes and a towel in the car. 7 miles and 600' elevation gain. Bring a snack and water and wear hiking boots. Meet at the Santa Cruz Government Center at 11:30 a.m. or at the Rincon parking lot on Hwy. 9 (about 3.5 miles south of the Park's main entrance) at noon. Leader: George Jammal, 335-7748.

Sunday, October 10

### HIKE/TRAIL WORK: MT. MANUEL

Help do some much needed trail repair on the Mt. Manuel trail. We'll hike to the peak while clipping and sawing as we go. Bring loppers and hedge trimmers, if you have them, and gloves, lunch and water. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Sunday, October 10

### HIKE: TANBARK LOOP/TIN HOUSE

Hike through dense forest of redwoods, tanbark oaks, and ferns near Partington Creek. Huge rock formations and small waterfalls. Steep 1900' elevation gain to spectacular coastal views at Tin House where we'll lunch. Return down a fire road, for a 6.5 mile loop. Meet at Bagel Bakery at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch, lots of water, sunscreen, sun hat and \$ for carpool. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

Tuesday, October 12

### SENIOR SAUNTER: SANTA CRUZ LEVEE

3-4 mile levee hike starting from Gateway Shopping Center on River St. We can park by

the levee. We'll walk along the river to the end of the wharf. A shorter hike may be arranged. Dress for weather. Bring lunch or eat out on the wharf. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at the levee at Gateway at 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch (or not) and \$2 carpool. Leader: Margaret Steele, 465-8565.

## NOTICE

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

Wednesday, October 13

### HIKE: CARMEL BAY SCENIC RD.

We'll start hiking beside the Bay City Preschool on the edge of Monastery Beach. Trail goes around the bay to Carmel River Beach and then onto Scenic Drive to the Tor house and tower built from rock in the early

1900s by poet Robinson Jeffers. 6 miles with beautiful scenes of the bay. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Sears 41st Avenue at 9:00 a.m. or in front of Express Deli at the Rio Del Mar turnoff in Aptos at 9:10 a.m., or at the trailhead on Hwy. 1 in Carmel beside the Bay Preschool at 10:00 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Friday-Sunday, October 15-17

### BACKPACK: CHINA CAMP TO LOS PADRES DAM

18-miles from China Camp to Los Padres Dam. Friday we'll meet at 8:00 a.m. to shuttle to the dam and then to China Camp. We'll hike 6 miles to Pine Valley the first day. Saturday we'll hike 9 miles to Sulfur Springs. Sunday, it's 6 miles to the dam. About 700' elevation loss/day. Central commissary, (breakfast and dinners provided). Cost: \$20. Contact leader Henry Leinen, Hleinen@aol.com to sign-up, limit 10 persons.

Saturday, October 16

### HIKE: BLACK MOUNTAIN

A walk in Santa Clara County in a Mid-Peninsula Open Space. Black Mountain is one of the higher points in the Santa Cruz Mtns. 8 miles, 1000' gain. Meet at the Government Center in Santa Cruz at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

## The Sierra Club's

# Clair Tappaan Lodge



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### Featured Programs

**October 15-17 Tibetan Qigong** Increase energy! Dissolve tension and stress! Tibetan Qigong is an ancient practice that recognizes the connectedness of mind, body and spirit and focuses these elements to unlock your body's ability to heal itself. Price: \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

**October 30 Family Halloween Party** The safe, family atmosphere of Clair Tappaan Lodge is the perfect place for kids and parents to celebrate Halloween. We'll offer pumpkin carving, a haunted house and in-lodge trick-or-treating. Price (includes one night lodging, 3 meals, and lots of fun): \$20 children (13 and younger), \$30 adults.

**November 8-13 Epicurious Adventures in the Sierra** Join the Traveling Cooks for an adventure in cooking for large groups, family reunions, or holiday events by helping plan, cook and eat evening meals. Short hikes in the mountainous setting will break up the day feeding and stirring your creative energies. Price: \$395 members, \$425 non-members.

Check our website often or call for updates on winter programs such as Kids Ski Weekends, Bus Trips, Snowshoe Ecology Trips, and Mid-Week Ski Packages. See you on the Summit!

For more information about these programs or to receive a full schedule and description of Clair Tappaan programs please visit our website at [www.ctl.sierraclub.org](http://www.ctl.sierraclub.org) or call (530) 426-3632.

# O U T I N G S

Sunday, October 17

## HIKE: PICO BLANCO CAMP

We'll rock hop 10 miles up the Little Sur River to Pico Blanco Camp. Beautiful waterfall and pool await us at lunchtime. Meet at Carmel Bagel Bakery, 8:30 a.m. Bring lunch, lots of water, sun hat and \$ for carpool. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

Sunday, October 17

## HIKE: GARLAND RANCH

Moderately strenuous 7 miles round trip with some elevation gain, starting at the Visitor Center. Lunch at Redwood Canyon. Beautiful views and maybe early fall color. Bring hat, water, and lunch. Meet at Albertson's at 10:00 a.m. Back around 4:00 p.m. Leader: Andrea Phelps, andrea\_phelps@csumb.edu.

Tuesday, October 19

## SENIOR SAUNTER: WILDER RANCH

We'll walk the bluffs from parking lot to 3-mile beach. Easy, flat trail with spectacular

ocean views. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave., or at Shen's Galley at 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$3 carpool and share of entrance fee. Leader: Jean Harrison, 425-5447.

Friday, October 22

## BIKE RIDE: FORT ORD

20 miles, mostly on paved streets. If group is willing, we might explore dirt roads. We'll ride by the Univ. Campus, the East Garrison area, and see native plant reserves. Hilly terrain; leisurely pace. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the thrift shop parking lot on the right just inside the main gate off Hwy. 1. Bring water and snack. Helmets mandatory. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Saturday, October 23

## WALK: CARMEL RIVER STATE BEACH

This beautiful beach at the Carmel River mouth offers spectacular views of Pt. Lobos and Carmel Bay. Good birding nearby. Mostly level, with one short, steep climb. 2 miles. Bring water, optional binoculars, and snack. Wear good shoes. Dress in layers for sun, fog. Rain cancels. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at beach parking lot at the end of Scenic Drive in Carmel. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Sunday, October 24

## HIKE: POGONIP

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

Sunday, October 24

## MOON WALK: ASILOMAR/SPANISH BAY

Full-moon walk along boardwalk and paths of Asilomar ending with drink/hot chocolate outside by the fire at Spanish Bay. Leisurely 2-3 miles. Meet at Fishwife Restaurant, 1996 Sunset, P.G. Call for time. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Marilyn Beck, 372-6860.

Sunday, October 24

## HIKE: PAT SPRINGS

14-mile hike to Pat Springs. Considerable elevation gain. Must be in excellent shape. Our reward for the long climb up Devil's Peak are wonderful views in all directions. Bring lunch and lots of water. Contact leader for more details. Leader: Betsy MacGowan, 510-215-9255 or bmacgowan@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, October 26

## SENIOR SAUNTER: MONASTERY BEACH

Easy, flat 2+ miles on path to Carmel River mouth, returning on upper path to Point Lobos for lunch in picnic area. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Monastery Beach just beyond preschool and eucalyptus grove by 10:30 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$5 carpool. Leader: Grace Hansen, 476-7254.

Wednesday, October 27

## HIKE: ASILOMAR STATE BEACH

Enjoy a spectacular hike along the ocean in front of Spanish Bay Golf Course and through the Del Monte forest ending at the Monarch Butterfly Reserve. 7 easy miles. Bring water, lunch, and good walking shoes. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at 9:10 a.m. behind the gas station at the Hwy. 1 Del Mar exit. We'll start at the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Drive in Pacific Grove at 10:10 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, October 30

## HIKE: TERRACE CREEK

Hike up the Pine Ridge trail from Big Sur State Park, then up the beautiful Terrace Creek trail to the Old Coast Road. Lunch high above the ocean with great views. Strenuous 10 miles and 2,200' elevation gain. Bring lunch, water and wear boots. Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Saturday, October 30

## HIKE: PT. BONITA

After driving to San Francisco, we'll take the bus across the Marin Headlands to the Pacific coast. We'll visit the park visitor center, and Pt. Bonita lighthouse, then hike back via the Coastal trail across the Golden Gate bridge. 10 miles with 1000' elevation change. Bring water, lunch and snack, hiking boots and \$1 bus fare. Binoculars / camera optional. Dress for windy weather. Meet at the Santa Cruz Government Center at 9:45 a.m. Leader: George Jammal, 335-7748.

Sunday, October 31

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME URBAN WALK

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

## NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 2

## SENIOR HIKE: GARLAND RANCH

The gentle to steep oak-covered slopes. 3-mile hike to a fern pond and Indian grinding rocks. We'll come back through Cooper Ranch with its barn and nature center. Dress for weather. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, Garland Ranch is on Carmel Valley Rd. 8.6 miles from Hwy 1. Meet at Visitor's Center. Bring lunch, water, \$5 carpool. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 662-2434.

Saturday, November 6

## HIKE: COMINGS CAMP/DEVILS PEAK

From Bottcher's Gap, we'll hike up to Devil's Peak, along Skinner's Ridge and then down to the old Comings cabin site. The spring may be dry, so bring plenty of water. 3,000' elevation gain, 10+ miles. Bring lunch, lots of water and wear boots for this rather steep hike. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. Rain cancels. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Saturday, November 6

## HIKE: OLD COAST ROAD

11-mile hike on the Old Coast Road with two major hills. 1800' elevation gain. We'll leave cars at Bixby Bridge and start by West Molera entrance. Beautiful valleys, gigantic redwoods, awesome sights and spectacular view of Bixby Bridge. Rain or shine, wear hiking boots; bring lunch, water, rain gear and \$ for carpool. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Albertson's. For more information call leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Saturday, November 6

## HIKE: HUCKLEBERRY HILL

Huckleberry Hill is located inland of Hwy 1 across from Pt. Lobos south of the horse rescue farm. 6-mile uphill walk. Very nice scenery. There is poison oak, because the trail is little used. Long pants recommended. Meet at the Government Center in Santa Cruz at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, November 7

## OUTING: MITTELDORF PRESERVE

A chance to relax and do your own thing among the redwoods, fall colors, creek, hills, and house/patio. Read, journal, paint, meditate, photograph, hike, walk, sit, BE. Do anything or nothing! You can have a "vacation" day before the holidays. Meet at the Big Sur Land Trust office (directions p. 7) at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch. Return on own schedule. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Marilyn Beck, 372-6860.

Tuesday, November 9

## SENIOR SAUNTER: BONNY DOON

Docent-led 4-mile hike. Little elevation gain. Explore part of this 552-acre Fish & Game area with redwoods to chaparral. Dress for weather. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave or 9:50 at Shen's. To go direct, meet at lot next to the fire station on Martin Road at 10:30 a.m. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 662-2434.



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# O U T I N G S

Wednesday, November 10

## HIKE: QUAIL HOLLOW COUNTY PARK

In 1833 this land which became part of Rancho Zayante, was later homesteaded by the Kenvilles. They sold produce to the booming logging towns in the San Lorenzo Valley for 35 years. The park's interesting geology creates an important aquifer. We'll circle the trails to make a flat pond walk and a moderate steep climb to reach the highest point in the park. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or drive to the park at 800 Quail Hollow Road, Felton to meet at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, November 13

## BIKE RIDE: FORT ORD

Let's bike the Ford Ort East Garrison area and see what they have accomplished there. Bring water and lunch. Helmets mandatory. For a map of the area, visit [www.ca.blm.gov/hollister/trail\\_map\\_fo.html](http://www.ca.blm.gov/hollister/trail_map_fo.html). Rain cancels. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the East Garrison parking lot. Leader: Henry Leinen, 655-1948.

Saturday, November 13

## DINNER & SUNSET: DAVENPORT

A new short adventure using the bus. We'll take the #40 which leaves downtown Santa Cruz at 3:30 p.m. to Davenport. Dinner at the Whale City Bakery then walk across the street to watch the sunset from the bluffs and maybe walk down to the beach. We'll walk back to the Whale City Bakery before it gets really dark and enjoy dessert. Bus at 5:52 p.m. Meet at the Metro station at 3:20 p.m. and bring \$3 for the bus round-trip and \$ for dinner. Leader: George Jammal, 335-7748.

Sunday, November 14

## WALK: ASILOMAR-PEBBLE BEACH

4-mile loop, starting on neighborhood streets, then thru dunes out to a point. Back along the

beach boardwalk. We may find some late flowers and possibly whale spouts. Meet across from the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove at 9:00 a.m. Back about noon; bring snack and water. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

## Getting to outings

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



Sunday, November 14

## HIKE: MOUNT MANUEL & POST SUMMIT

Very strenuous hike up the Mount Manuel trail to Post Summit and East Molera. 12 miles and 3,000' elevation gain. Some cross country hiking. Breathtaking views of the coast. Short car shuttle. Bring lunch, lots of water and wear boots. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Wednesday, November 17

## HIKE: CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK

Observe the Vaqueros sandstone and the Tafoni caves by hiking 8 - 9 miles through the forest and along the rocky path overlooking San Lorenzo Valley. Some uneven paths and scrambles; wear hiking boots. Bring lunch and water. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at the parking lot for Castle Rock at 10:10 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, November 20

## HIKE: TERRACE CREEK

Come with us on the Pine Ridge Trail starting in Big Sur State Park. We'll switch to the beautiful shady Terrace Creek Trail to the Old Coast Rd. Lunch high above the ocean. Great views. Strenuous 10 miles with 2000' elevation gain. Wear boots, bring lunch, water and sun hat. Short car shuttle. Meet at Carmel Bagel Bakery at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

Saturday, November 20

## HIKE: TORO PARK

8 miles with 800' elevation gain. Great views.

Toro Park is just off Hwy. 68 between Monterey and Salinas. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz Government Center or at 9:40 a.m. by the restroom in the parking lot at Toro Park. Leader: Jim Danaher, 465-6818.

Sunday, November 21

## WALK: GARLAND RANCH

It's nearly Turkey Day! Time to work up an appetite with a walk around the lower trails at Garland Ranch. Easy pace. Wear shoes with good tread for slippery trails. Bring water and lunch, dress in layers. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the lower lot 9 miles east of Hwy. 1. Those wishing to carpool can look for each other at Albertson's at 9:30 a.m. Hard rain cancels. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Tuesday, November 23

## SENIOR HIKE: MANZANITA PARK

Hilly 3+ mile hike in north Monterey County. See the ocean and Fremont Peak. Lunch at picnic tables. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at the Park. Call leader for directions. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 662-2434.

Sunday, November 28

## HIKE: BLUFF CAMP

Walk off those Thanksgiving calories. We'll go across the dam and along the edge of Los

Padres reservoir to lunch at Bluff Camp on the upper Carmel River. 8 miles. Scenic, moderately strenuous terrain; leisurely pace. Bring lunch and water. Meet behind Brinton's at 9:00 a.m. for carpooling. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

## DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 1

## HIKE: CHALK MOUNTAIN

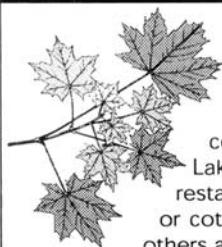
Hike a steep uphill and along the ridge for spectacular ocean views at Cascade Ranch State Park. This was an Ohlone Indian camp and a place Portola first explored. Sandy soil creates a pygmy forest and white chalky cliffs. Bring water and lunch. Boots or a walking stick might help on the first half mile. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at the trailhead on Whitehouse Creek Road off Hwy. 1 at 9:50 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, December 4

## HIKE: PALO CORONA RANCH

We'll hike into the old homestead in the Palo Corona Ranch. At least 10 miles and 2000' elevation gain. Bring lunch, water and wear hiking boots. Call two weeks before to reserve a spot, meeting place, and other details. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Larry Parrish 622-7455.

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# O U T I N G S

Saturday, December 4

**HIKE: MALPASO CREEK**

Malpasos Creek is actually a hill climb just south of Pt. Lobos. Probably 1500' gain and 7 miles. Beautiful overlook of Pt. Lobos. I'm doing it because house building along the way may block access in the future. I think that Clint Eastwood's Malpasos Productions is named for this scenic location. Meet at the Santa Cruz Government Center at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, December 5

**WALK: POINT LOBOS**

4-mile loop, starting from Hwy. 1, toward Whaler's Cove then China Beach. Back thru woods. Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Bring snack and water; we'll be done about noon. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Sunday, December 5

**HIKE: JUNIPERO SERRA**

Hike up Junipero Serra Peak, the highest mountain in the Ventana Wilderness. Very strenuous 12 miles with 3,800' elevation gain. Strong hikers only. Bring lunch, lots of water and wear boots. Meet at MPC parking lot at 8:00 a.m. or at the Indians trailhead at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Wednesday, December 8

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON/WALK**

Our luncheon will be at the Paradise Park Social Hall. ON A WEDNESDAY. This will be a potluck with beverage and a meat provided. We'll do a White Elephant gift exchange: the cheaper & more outlandish, the better. Weather permitting, we can walk around the Park after lunch. Meet before 11:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or go direct to parking lot by Park office and Social Hall. \$4 charge for entree, beverages and decorations. Reservations required. Leader will coordinate potluck items. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Saturday, December 11

**HIKE: MOUNT MANUEL**

We'll ascend the long sunny ridge from Big Sur State Park. Strenuous 11 miles, 3000' elevation gain. Some downed trees on trail. Panoramic views. Look for condors. Bring lunch, plenty of water, sun hat, sun block, \$ for carpool, park fee. Meet at Bagel Bakery, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

Sunday, December 12

**HIKE: VICENTE FLAT**

11-mile hike to Vicente Flat. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Bagel Bakery. Bring lunch and lots of water. Please contact Betsy for more details and to confirm that this hike will take place as scheduled. Leader: Betsy MacGowan, 510-215-9255 or bmacgowan@hotmail.com.

Friday, December 17

**HIKE: OLD COAST ROAD, BIG SUR**

In winter the unpaved Old Coast Road makes a delightful walk. 11 miles up and down through fern-lined redwood canyons with views out to the coast and inland to Pico Blanco. Car shuttle. Strenuous hills at a leisurely pace. Bring lunch and water, meet behind Brinton's at 8.30 a.m. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427.

Saturday, December 18

**HIKE & CLEAN UP: SALMON CREEK**

Please help clean up Salmon Creek and see its spectacular 100' waterfall. We'll hike 5 steep miles to beautiful Spruce Creek and explore up the creek. Wear hiking shoes, lunch, plenty of water and \$ for carpool. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Albertson's for the 2-hour drive down breathtaking Hwy. 1. Heavy rain cancels. Call leader for more information: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Friday - Tuesday, December 24 - 28

**HOLIDAY SKI TRIP: HUTCHINSON LODGE**

Our first ski trip of the season to Hutchinson Lodge, near Clair Tappaan. We'll have it all to ourselves for the holidays. There are 2 lofts for sleeping, a large living/dining room with 2 wood stoves, and a sauna. Cost of this long weekend/person is only \$96 for 4 nights/

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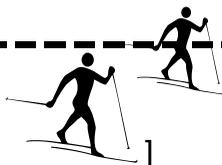
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# Forest geneticists visit Point Lobos



Richard Stover

Debbie Bulger coils barbed wire in 2003.

Saturday-Sunday, November 20-21

## CARRIZO PLAIN SERVICE TRIP

The Carrizo Plain National Monument is a beautiful, remote grassland, home to 18 endangered species as well as reintroduced pronghorn antelope. Barbed wire fences are a holdover from failed grain farms and ranches. Unlike deer, pronghorn will not jump a fence but either run into them or try to scoot under them. We'll help remove barbed wire fences. We'll also visit Painted Rock pictograph site, and Wallace Creek, offset by the San Andreas Fault. Limit 20. Leader: Wendy Van Norden, vannorden@sbcglobal.net, 818-990-9085.

## Nancy Drinkard appointed to public seat on the Board of Forestry

Jodi Frediani, Forestry Task Force Chair

In a sorely disappointing move, Governor Schwarzenegger, who ran with a solid environmental platform and who is touted by his brother-in-law, Robert Kennedy, Jr. as a strong protector of our forests, appointed Nancy Drinkard to a public seat on the Board of Forestry.

Drinkard was a Forest Practice Officer in the Felton CDF office for 20 years. Prior to her retirement in 2003, she was the Division Chief for Forest Practices. Not only was she openly hostile to members of the public (and periodically hostile to Review Team members), displaying her great disdain for the public process, but she seemed to hold the Forest Practice Rules in equally low regard. Many say that she single-handedly is responsible for the contentious attitude surrounding logging on the Central Coast. Additionally, she routinely overlooked egregious violations of the Forest Practice Rules during her tenure. Numerous cases of her poor record as a public servant can be cited.

Many members of the Santa Cruz community (and statewide) are outraged that Drinkard has been appointed to represent the public.

The Senate Rules Committee may vote as early as January 2005 to recommend confirmation or denial of her appointment. The full Senate will then need to cast the final vote. Letters of concern should be addressed to Senator Perata, in-coming Chair of the Senate Rules Committee: Senator Don Perata, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

An international conference of forest scientists, the Population Genetics and Evolution group of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), convened at Asilomar in September. Genetic conservation is a prime focus of IUFRO. Their interest includes research on genetic diversity as affected by environmental impact, environmental change and timber harvesting, leading to implications for forestry practice.

Part of IUFRO's activities included a field trip to Point Lobos to see the value and diversity there with emphasis on the rare Monterey Cypress and Monterey Pine. There were 60 scientists from all over the world including Spain, France, Australia, Finland, Japan, Sweden, Canada, Poland, Slovakia, and the U.S.A.

The Reserve's Ranger Chuck Bancroft led the participants through coastal scrub to the granite headlands that comprise the breathtaking scenery of the Cypress Grove Trail. He gave a colorful and spirited history of the Reserve including the culture of the Rumsen tribe, the arrival of the Spanish with their cattle and dairy farming, the rock quarries, and the abalone canneries. He pointed out the native stands of Monterey Cypress with their adaptation to the strong winds, known as "buttressing." Their trunks develop narrower facing the salt-laden wind and grow thicker on the other side as a brace, giving them their characteristic twisted appearance.

Following the hike along the cliffs, the scientists visited an inland stand of native Monterey pine forest. Dr. Deborah Rogers of the University of California, a conservation geneticist spe-

cializing in native forest tree species, described the evolutionary history and genetic diversity of Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*). The species once grew at more northern and southern locations, but became more restricted in its distribution in response to climatic shifts. Today, it only grows in three areas of the central California coast: Año Nuevo, Cambria, and on the Monterey Peninsula; and on two Mexican islands off Baja: Guadalupe and Cedros.

Monterey pine continues to lose habitat to development, and is affected by over 40 exotic invasive plant species, pitch canker, and genetic contamination

from planted nonlocal pines. Conservation efforts include such tools as conservation easements which restrict development and outright purchase for conservation purposes. Often these measures are the result of public/private partnerships and frequently involve non-governmental environmental groups. Dr. Rogers pointed out the international collaborations and research that benefits local conservation of the pines. She mentioned that local organizations such as the Sierra Club, Big Sur Land Trust, Greenspace—The Cambria Land Trust, and Monterey Forest Pine Watch are focusing efforts to protect this rare tree.



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# State and local candidates and issues

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Boxer introduced the California Wild Heritage Act to protect additional wilderness in the state. Boxer is a true friend of the environment.

## John Laird

### 27th State Assembly District

### District

Sierra Club endorses John Laird for the 27th State Assembly District.



This year John has been working on bills to preserve open space. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy, sponsored by Laird, has recently been signed into law. This bill establishes a broad conservancy for the Sierras, from Kern County to the Oregon border. Another of Laird's bills signed into law bans cruise ships from incinerating garbage and dumping gray-water into state waters including the Monterey Bay.

If Laird is reelected and the Democrats retain their majority, he will serve as chair of the Assembly Budget Committee. In the 2003 session, Laird sponsored bills that strengthened the Williamson Act to preserve agricultural land, preserved federal funding of toxic clean-up programs at military installations such as Fort Ord, and strengthened underground storage tank regulations.

## Jane Parker

### Monterey County Supervisor, District 4



Sierra Club endorses Jane Parker because of her commitment to ensure a General Plan Update that manages growth, reduces traffic, increases affordable housing, and protects working farmland. The Club believes Jane will stand up to special interests. She will work to protect the quality of Monterey County's land, air, and water. Jane has a proven track record of increasing access to critical health care services.

Jane Parker is the former chair of the Monterey Peninsula College board. She currently serves as a vice president for Planned Parenthood Mar Monte.

## Mark Stone

### Santa Cruz County Supervisor, District 5



Mark Stone has helped local communities facing timber harvests understand and assert their rights during the review process. Mark used his influence as a Supervisor to help the Community of Lompico fight the dangerous logging plan directed at the pristine Lompico Creek headwaters, their primary community water source.

Mark's interest in local water resources led him to successfully defend the County's Water Resources Program from the budget ax, saving our ability to

## Check website for additional endorsements

At press time, Sierra Club California had not completed all its endorsements. The Club is considering its position on resolutions including opposing Prop. 1A and Prop. 65. No decision had been made at press time.

Below are articles about selected candidates. See p. 13 for a more complete list of Sierra Club endorsements. Endorsements are not made in every race. Please check the website for up-to-date endorsements.

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monitor and assess local water supply and quality.

Mark provided the mechanism for Felton residents to buy back their water system. Mark believes that only through public ownership of water sources can we set successful regional water policy.

Mark Stone has been an attorney for high-technology companies where he drafted and negotiated agreements. He is a former Assistant Professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey and spent five years on the Scotts Valley School Board where he was the Board President for three years.

## Ed Porter

### Santa Cruz City Council



Sierra Club endorses Ed Porter because of his "green" track record on the City Council. He has voted to protect Arana Gulch greenbelt from being bisected by a bike road, opposes widening Highway 1, has supported recycling and waste reduction and installation of solar power on city facilities. Porter is a strong proponent of a green redesign of the former Dream Inn and supports bicycle facilities wholeheartedly. His responses to the Club election questionnaire was more environmentally sensitive than the responses of the other candidates. In addition, Porter opposes an Eastern Access road through the Pogonip.

## Colleen Corrigan-Armstrong

### Capitola City Council

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## Prop. 59 will let the sun shine on government

by Bill Magavern

Proposition 59, the Sunshine Amendment, will put the public's right to know about our government's workings in the state constitution, where it belongs. Access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business is a fundamental right in a democracy, but this right has been under assault in recent years.

California's Public Records Act and open meetings laws, when observed properly, are important tools for the environmental movement. Activists should be able to review documents concerning development, pollution, and the full range of ecological issues. Similarly, we need to be able to attend the meetings of state and local legislatures, parks and water districts, and other public agencies.

The Legislature put Prop. 59 on the ballot with the support of the League of Women Voters, Common Cause, California First Amendment Coalition, and Sierra Club California.

**Vote YES on Prop. 59.**

Bill Magavern is senior legislative representative for Sierra Club California. For more information on Prop. 59 see [www.cfac.org/sca/sca1.html](http://www.cfac.org/sca/sca1.html).

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## Measure J is highway robbery

**W**idening Highway 1 won't ease congestion as proponents claim and will produce more air pollution and noise. Since the EIR has not yet been done, we don't know the exact environmental impacts, but they will be huge. The area around 41st Ave. and Bay Ave. in Capitola will be transformed into a 12-lane wide swath of concrete.

Common questions and answers regarding Measure J:

**Q:** I'm tired of being stuck in traffic on Highway 1. Isn't highway widening a logical solution?

**A:** According to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's own study, widening the Hwy. 1 would increase peak hour travel speeds by 1/10 mph. (MTIS, Table 4-5, p. 29). Moreover, in the Bay Area widening highways generally has not reduced congestion.<sup>1</sup> Leading transportation planners have recognized that "the idea of building our way out of urban traffic congestion problems has been decisively rejected in the United States, both by the transportation community and the public at large."<sup>2</sup>

1. Road Work Ahead: Executive Summary. The Surface Transportation Policy Project; Relationships Between Highway Capacity and Induced Vehicle Travel by Robert Noland of the US. Environmental Protection Agency.

2. Road Supply and Traffic in California Urban Areas by Mark Hansen and Yuanlin Huang. Institute of Transportation Studies, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Berkeley.

**Q:** But this widening project is for carpool lanes. Isn't that different?

**A:** It's a little different, but has similar results. When you create a new carpool lane, most of the people that use it were already carpooling or using transit. The real increase in traffic is from single occupancy vehicles which take up the space vacated by carpoolers. After adding more than 1000 miles of carpool lanes, the percentage of people carpooling to work has dropped from 14.6 to 14.5 percent as documented by the U.S. Census. The Modern Transit Society has documented that carpool lanes actually increase pollution, not decrease it.

**Q:** I don't like all the cars using the streets in my neighborhood. If we widen the freeway, won't that mean fewer cars on neighborhood streets?

**A:** The stated goal of the Highway Widening Project is to get more cars on the freeway. Once they get off the freeway, where are they going to go? Onto surface streets. Into your neighborhood.

**Q:** So who is behind this? Why is so much money being spent to promote Measure J if drivers won't benefit?

**A:** The organized proponents of Measure J represent business interests and government officials advocating for increased development. The Santa Cruz Business Council (representing, by invitation, large local corporations) and the Chambers of Commerce are pushing for this project. A wider freeway will encourage more bedroom communities in Southern Santa Cruz County and Northern Monterey County. This will benefit developers and large employers wanting to bring more workers to North Santa Cruz County at wages too low to allow them to live here. It will also give building contracts to some of the corporations funding the campaign for Measure J.

Measure J is opposed by many groups and individuals, including Sierra Club, People Power, Santa Cruz Friends (Quakers), and a majority of city council members from Santa Cruz and Capitola.

**Q:** I keep hearing reports that widening Highway 1 would be the most expensive public works project in the history of Santa Cruz County. How much is it exactly?

**A:** Measure J would raise the Santa Cruz County sales tax 1/2 cent for 30 years, totaling \$530 million. \$370 million of that would go towards widening Hwy. 1.

**Q:** I've also heard that Measure J includes funding for some great alternative transportation projects, including the Coastal Rail Trail. Is that true?

**A:** Yes and no. Besides funding the highway widening, Measure J would raise about \$59 million for transportation alternatives.<sup>1</sup> However, the fine print of Measure J states that, if more money is needed to widen the highway, the money will come from the other projects.<sup>2</sup> Cost overruns for these types of projects average more than 20%.<sup>3</sup>

Even worse, an additional \$102 million—beyond funds provided by Measure J—is estimated to be needed to complete widening of the Highway. This additional money would come from the same sources that currently fund other transportation projects, including the ones in the tax measure.<sup>4</sup>

Measure J is a net loss for alternative transportation. That's why the Sierra Club, Friends of the Rail Trail, Bike to Work, and other advocates of alternative transportation do not support Measure J.

1 RTC lane widening project fact sheets, May and June, 2004.

2 Ibid.

3 Cost and Oversight of Major Highway and Bridge Projects. U.S. General Accounting Office 2003 and "How Common and Large are Cost Overruns in Transport Infrastructure Projects?" Flyvbjerg, et al, Transport Reviews, 2003 Vol. 23.

4 RTC lane widening project fact sheets, May and June, 2004.

**Q:** What's the connection between this issue and our dependence on foreign oil?

**A:** Americans are the largest consumers of fossil fuels in the world. Creating more space for more cars on Hwy. 1 will add to this trend as well as to global warming.

Because our country does not have the oil reserves to supply our demand for oil, we are forced to trade with countries like Iraq. Thus, our overconsumption of oil creates a situation in which an unstable or unfriendly country with oil reserves becomes a threat to our economic security.

**Q:** So what's the alternative?

**A:** Ride a bike, walk, take the bus, and carpool whenever you can. Combine trips and try to reduce the total number of car trips that you take.

Demand that all levels of government fund non-car transportation.

Vote for city and county officials who support human-scaled transportation.

**Vote NO on Measure J.**

For more information visit <http://no-on-j.com/>.

## Prop. 64 is hazardous to your health

by Bill Magavern

**B**ig business lobbies have put an initiative on the Nov. ballot to eviscerate citizens' ability to enforce environmental safeguards. Proposition 64, "Limitations on Enforcement of Unfair Business Competition Law," would leave California's air, water, food, forests, and lands much more vulnerable to attack by polluters.

The Unfair Business Competition Law (UBCL) is a crucial tool to defend the environment from the unlawful practices of polluters. Unlike many federal environmental laws, most California statutes do not contain "citizen suit" provisions authorizing environmental organizations to enforce these laws on behalf of the public. The UBCL is the sole remedy in such situations.

UBCL cases have:

- Blocked cruise ships from repeated dumping,
- Halted illegal clear-cutting in the Sierra Nevada mountains,
- Stopped diesel truck pollution,
- Forced bottled water companies to filter out arsenic and bacteria,
- Required warnings of pesticide dangers to children.

Prop. 64 would block environmental enforcement actions like these brought on behalf of the public by community groups. Prop. 64 would limit actions only to government and certified classes of individuals who have lost money or property. With government's enforcement ability severely limited by budget constraints, private enforcement of the sort allowed by the UBCL is vital to protecting our health and resources.

Oil, auto and utility companies, and other corporate donors wishing to avoid accountability for the damage they cause, have poured over \$10 million into an advertising campaign for Prop. 64. The American Lung Assoc., California Nurses Assoc., Consumers Union, Gray Panthers and the CA Labor Fed. have joined Sierra Club and the state's other major environmental groups in a grassroots campaign against Prop. 64.

**Vote NO on Prop. 64.**

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# GPU Community Forums receive tremendous public support



*Sitting at tables of ten, with worksheets listing the GPU elements of land use, housing, circulation, open space, conservation, noise, safety and administration, participants in Carmel Valley reviewed recommendations and made suggestions.*

A countywide crowd of well over 200 met in Carmel Valley, and greeted Supervisor Dave Potter at the second in a series of Community Forums on September 14. Potter told the participants that he was disappointed in the actions of the Board of Supervisors for scrapping the General Plan Update (GPU) process after five years and \$5 million of public money. He said: "[The Fifth District] is always loud and proud about the importance of protecting the environment and our quality of life. If the Board of Supervisors isn't going to show leadership on promoting responsible development, the community will have to."

Three weeks earlier, an enthusiastic crowd of over 120 people met at the Prunedale Grange to kick off the first in a series of five GPU Community Forums planned for this fall. The goal of these workshops is to develop a community-based General Plan, that would include accepted community priorities for clean water, clean air, open space, free-flowing roads, protection of farmland and proof of water for new development as a requirement for growth for the next 20 years.

Former Assemblymember Fred Keeley introduced the goals of both workshops. Terry Watt, a professional planner, provided details of the structure and components of a General Plan. Then everyone got to work. Sitting at tables of ten, with worksheets listing the GPU elements of land use, housing, circulation, open space, conservation, noise, safety and administration, the participants reviewed recommendations and made suggestions.

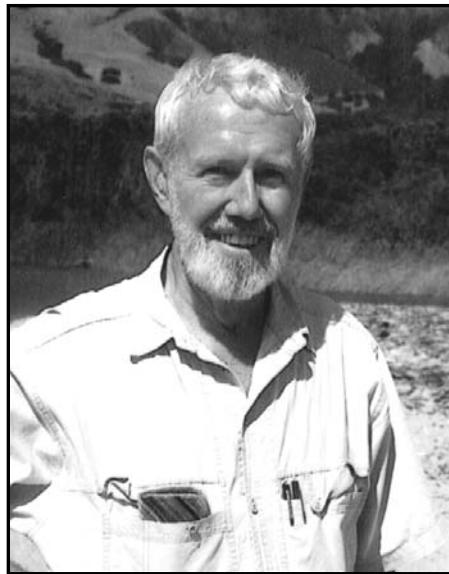
Several planning consultants and community activists, including Gary Patton, Mari Kloeppe and Carolyn Anderson, were present to help with questions. Lupe Garcia of LandWatch did simultaneous translation into Spanish.

The workshops are sponsored by 18

community, homeowner, and environmental groups, including: Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club; LandWatch, Monterey County; Friends, Artists, and Neighbors of Elkhorn Slough; the Monterey County Chapter of the California Native Plant Society; Prunedale Preservation Alliance; Coalition to Protect Housing Farmlands, Air & Water; Save Our Shores; Highway 68 Coalition; Líderes Comunitarios de Salinas; Citizens for Responsible Growth; Planning and Conservation League Foundation; League of Women Voters of the Monterey Peninsula, Prunedale Neighbors Group, Rancho San Juan Opposition Coalition; Monterey Pine Forest Watch; North County Citizens Oversight Coalition; Concerned Citizens of River Road and the Carmel Valley Association.

**The next Community Forum will be at the Santa Lucia Room of the Salinas Community Center, Thursday, October 14, from 6-9:00 p.m.**

**Future forums are on October 28 in south Monterey County and November 13 in Seaside. For more information go to [www.8of10monterey.com](http://www.8of10monterey.com) or call 645-6776.**



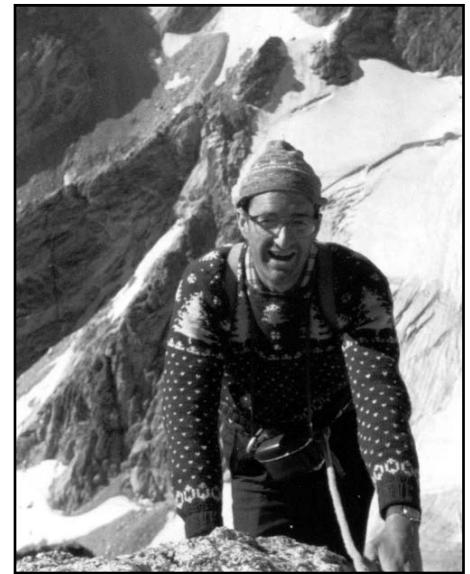
**Marvin Nicely**

Marvin Nicely, Ventana Chapter's champion trail builder and avid hiker, Marvin Nicely, died at 77 on August 19. He was born in Oswego, New York, served in the U.S. Navy and Air Force, including a tour in Vietnam in 1966. In 1968 Marvin moved to the Monterey Peninsula where he was a local businessman for 25 years.

He is survived by Rita Nicely, his wife for 30 years; his three children, Jeanette Nicely of Salinas, Douglas Nicely of Valencia, and David Nicely of Berkeley; his four granddaughters, his brother, Robert Nicely of Tonawanda, New York, his sister, Edith Puglese of Phoenix AZ, and many good friends. Marvin's second wife was Dea Nicely, also a Ventana Chapter member and avid hiker.

For many years Marvin built and rebuilt countless local trails. In the Los Padres Forest he worked on the Skinner Ridge Trail out of Botcher's Gap and the trail to Pico Blanco Camp in the Little Sur drainage. He completed many improvements to the old Soberanes Canyon and Ridge trails in Garrapata State Park in Big Sur. He also did major work at the Big Sur Land Trust Mitteldorf Preserve in Carmel Valley on the East Ridge, Echo Ridge and Upper Williams Canyon trails, and designed and built the Ladder Trail, working alongside his good friend and long-time Ventana Chapter member, Irv Rogers.

When you hike these trails, think of Marvin and thank him in your heart. He'll probably hear you.



*Graham Matthews in the 60s in the Tetons.*

**Graham Matthews**

W.V. Graham Matthews, 83 passed away on August 18. A long-time Carmel Valley resident, Graham was born in Pasadena, California. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and Harvard College. After enlisting in the US Army in 1942, Graham studied Arabic and spent most of the war years as a cryptographer in Iran. He took his leave time exploring the region, including organizing an ascent of Iran's highest mountain, 20,000-foot Mount Demavend and exploring the famous ruins at Persepolis.

His mountaineering activities continued throughout his life. He completed six expeditions to Peru with first ascents and new routes on some of the most difficult Andean peaks, including Peru's highest, 22,000-foot Huascarán. He also made many first ascents of North American peaks.

Graham arrived on the Peninsula 50 years ago to teach history and soccer at Robert Louis Stevenson School in Pebble Beach. In his retirement, he served as the volunteer weather observer and reporter for Carmel Valley for several decades and also volunteered at the local library and Community Center. Graham is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Ann (Corky) Matthews; daughter Katharine (Kim) Matthews (C. David Massey) and grandsons, Alex and Robbie Massey, of Washington D.C. and a son, W.V. Graham Matthews III (Noreen Doyas) and grandchildren, Melia and Kevin Matthews of Weaverville.

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Next meeting in 2005 date TBA

Santa Cruz Regional Group

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Meeting place: Sierra Club Office  
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Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7:00 p.m.

**Conservation Committee:**

Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7:00 p.m.

# The VENTANA

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Graniterock has applied to the county for a permit to dump mining spoils on a biological hotspot.

by Vince Cheap and Debbie Bulger

Tucked away in the very southeastern corner of Santa Cruz County, just north of Highway 129 near where it crosses the Pajaro River is a rare alkali plant community known as Soda Lake. According to local plant expert, Randy Morgan, this site "is one of the

# Rare Clover overlooked

## One-of-a-kind plant community in grave danger

biological treasures of Santa Cruz County with an ecological value out of proportion to its small size. It is the only alkaline ecosystem in this county, in fact the only such in the entire Santa Cruz Mountains bioregion."

Morgan continues, "In more than 30 years of field work, I have neither found nor heard of any location where more than a few of the specialized plant species present at Soda Lake co-occur; six of those species are rare enough that I have encountered them nowhere else."

Graniterock has applied to the county

for a permit to dump mining spoils on this biological hotspot. Incredibly, the Draft EIR fails to document the presence of two rare plants, the saline clover (*Trifolium depauperatum* var. *hydrophilum*) and Congdon's tarplant (*Centromadia parryi* ssp. *congdonii*). In addition to these rare plants, the dumping would wipe out 11 other plants from the county. The saline clover was previously presumed extinct.

This spring a botanist conducting special-status plant surveys for the Soda Lake mining expansion project discovered over five acres of the saline clover at Soda Lake. This discovery brings into

question the adequacy of the DEIR and the proposed mitigations.

If the County Planning Commission were to approve Graniterock's application to dump mine waste, they would ignore both the County General Plan and the Sensitive Habitat Ordinance which protect these species. It would be tragic to lose such a biological treasure.

The California Native Plant Society, Santa Cruz Chapter is requesting revision and recirculation of the DEIR. In addition they are asking residents to contact their County Supervisor and the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission regarding this issue. For more information visit [www.cruzcnp.org](http://www.cruzcnp.org).



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