JUNE, JULY, AUG OUTINGS

CONDOR CLOSE UP

Champion Recyclers
Election Endorsements
Pajaro Most Endangered
To do list:
✓ Vote
✓ Enjoy the outdoors,
✓ Attend Coastal Commission Meeting

The Ventana Chapter has endorsed several outstanding candidates for public office. Most of you know and respect Representative Sam Farr who has a long history of protecting our coast and John Laird our energetic, environmental dynamo in the State Assembly. We have also endorsed Jyl Lutes, a Salinas City Councilmember who supports the Community General Plan Initiative and is in favor of protection of farmland from conversion to housing development. In Santa Cruz, be sure to vote for Chris Krohn for Santa Cruz County Supervisor for the Third District. We ask for your help, support and votes for all of these fine candidates.

Many members are working hard for candidates and keeping us informed on a couple of initiatives, one against the sprawling Rancho San Juan project off Highway 101 and the Community General Plan Initiative, both heavily supported by the Club. Neither of these initiatives may, at this time, be put on the ballot due to lawsuits. This has been very disappointing because many members worked hard to collect signatures and to stay informed on County policies to provide the best information to the voters. The fact is that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors is promoting more growth than is healthy for the area. They favor sprawl without proof of water or infrastructure or even common sense. These initiatives would have allowed the voters to speak out and show their concern for protection of resources and sensible planning ideas.

The Pebble Beach Company’s plans to cut down over 17,000 trees in Del Monte Forest comes before the Coastal Commissioners in June. The Sierra Club is actively opposing this project, and we hope some of you will plan to attend this hearing in Santa Rosa. Please refer to the article on page 7 for details.

And last, if you are not already participating, make this the time to go on one of the Club’s exciting outings. Get out in our magnificent parks now in bloom after the long rainy season. Hike or stroll with some friendly folks to view the scenic wildflowers, forests, and beaches we are working so hard to protect.

—Rita Dalessio

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### Sierra Club Members are Great Prospects

| Median Age | Median Female: 50% / 50% | Median Household Income: $60,000
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### Outdoor Sports Enthusiasts

- **Backpacking/Hiking**: 4 times more active than the average adult
- **Mountain Biking**: 4 times more active
- **Cross-Country Skiing**: 5 times more active

**Water Quality**

- **For Rate Information, Contact: Debbie Bulger - 457-1056**

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### Chapter Chair

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### From the Editor

**Vince Cheap** from the Santa Cruz Chapter of the California Native Plant Society wrote to correct our characterization of the tarplant occurring at Arana Gulch as a “distinct subspecies.” Cheap informs us that the Arana tarplant is a “unique genetic variant.” All 12 populations of naturally-occurring tarplants are the same species; there are no subspecies. Cheap continues, “The unique genetic variant present at Arana is invaluable to the conservation of the species genetic diversity as a whole, but it does not present itself taxonomically as a separate subspecies or variant at this time.” Thanks, Vince.

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**Correction**

**Debbie Bulger**
A visit with the great California condors

by Ed Gilbert

On Saturday, April 1, five other hikers and I did a 11-1/2 mile Sierra Club trek led by Ventana Chapter hike leader Esperanza Hernandez through the High Peaks section of the Pinnacles National Monument.

This National Monument is the western half of a massive, prehistoric volcano formed by the up flow of magma 23 million years ago along the San Andreas fault system. The system traverses a fault line from N-NW to S-SE through California. The eastern half of the remains of the volcano now lies 195 miles S-SE of the Pinnacles Monument, also along the fault line. The separation of the two halves has occurred as a result of the longitudinal slippage between the two adjoining earth plates at an average rate of just over 1/2 inch per year.

The noteworthy happening of this hike was something that even the Park Rangers on duty and the other hikers there that day had not experienced. High in those peaks we had the privilege to view, up-close in one viewing session, all 13 of the great California Condors located there. Yes, all of them. Some of them from as close as 15 to 20 feet. Unafraid, they just sat there and looked at us.

From later discussion with the head Park Ranger at the Visitors Center, we were told that these magnificent, fearless and very large birds were nearing extinction just over a decade ago. At that time, just 22 remained. Since that time, great strides have been taken to correct that situation. Through improved bird handling and breeding controls, the population has now increased to 279 in California and Arizona. The current goal is to increase the population to 450 birds; 150 in California; 150 in Arizona; and 150 in the controlled release program.

The female condor lays only one egg every two years. This rate is not sufficient to maintain or increase the population. By removing eggs after laying and/or removing chicks after hatching, the female birds are encouraged to each produce at a rate of two eggs per year—a fourfold increase.

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Sierra Club Endorses

Central Coast Candidates

Sam Farr
U.S. House of Representatives

The Political Committee of the Ventana Chapter has again endorsed Representative Sam Farr for re-election.

Sam Farr was awarded the National Sierra Club’s prestigious Ed Wayburn Award in 2004 for his strong leadership in environmental legislation. He has also worked on the Southern Sea Otter Research and Recovery Act, the US Commission on Ocean Policy report, and secured funds for the planning and design of a new Agricultural Research Service facility in Salinas.

Recently Congressman Farr was able to help Pinnacles National Monument get funds to purchase the 1700-acre Pinnacles Ranch which will include the first public campground for the park. The additional lands also mean additional grassland, riparian, endangered species, and migratory habitat. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee Sam has said, “I’ll be fighting to prevent exploitation of our natural resources as debate over this bill continues.”

Keep Sam Farr representing our communities in Washington D.C.

John Laird
27th State Assembly District

Sierra Club endorses John Laird for re-election to the State Assembly. During the past year John has assumed a leadership role as Budget Committee Chair. He is fighting to ensure California’s environmental protection is strong and develop new water conservation standards.

Three of his key water conservation bills currently pending are:

- AB 984, which calls for control or eradication of invasive tamarisk on the Colorado River in order to increase water supply and restore habitat;
- AB 1881, which implements Urban Landscape Irrigation Conservation Recommendations that resulted from a previously enacted bill; and
- AB 2496, which will save billions of gallons of water through mandating use of high-efficiency toilets.

John has been an excellent representative of our district in the State Assembly.

The Ventana Chapter enthusiastically endorses Jyl Lutes for Monterey County District 2 Supervisor. A Salinas City Councilperson for seven years and Mayor Pro-Tem, Lutes is an advocate for smart growth, responsive government and leadership that puts residents before special interests. Lutes is committed to ending the special-interest funded politics that currently dominates Monterey County. She pledges to fight for the public’s right to know, to participate and to decide what is best for their community.

On the City Council, Lutes guided a new vision for the Salinas General Plan. She promoted vibrant, compact, mixed-use, mixed-income, pedestrian-friendly communities and city-centered growth. The Salinas General Plan has earned recognition from the Congress of New Urbanism.

Lutes helped craft a progressive, low-income housing ordinance which is now included in the City’s General Plan. Among all County jurisdictions, Salinas now requires the highest percentage of new affordable housing.

Lutes helped transform the Salinas budget crisis into a “Standard and Poor A+” credit rating. As a member of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), Lutes consistently advocated for alternatives to automobile travel, and it was Lutes’ vote that killed the Hatton Canyon Freeway.

Understanding the economic and environmental costs of sprawl, Lutes supports the Community General Plan Initiative. As Supervisor, she intends to continue advocating city-centered growth and keeping rural areas rural. She wants guarantees from developers that affordable housing, adequate infrastructure and community services will be included in all plans for future growth in Monterey County.

Her experience includes serving as a councilmember for seven years, as an Alisal School District Trustee, and as Chair of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

To help with her campaign, contact Lutes at 443-5040 or visit www.electLutes.com.

Vote NO on Measure A

Don’t subsidize development of farmland

Measure A is a proposal placed on the June ballot by the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) to enact a 1/2 cent sales tax increase to begin land purchases for the Prunedale Bypass.

Measure A has many provisions that are of concern to the Ventana Chapter. First and foremost is the initiation of a land acquisition plan for the U.S. 101 Prunedale Freeway Bypass Project. This would be a new freeway leaving Hwy. 101 just north of Salinas, proceeding east of the present highway, and re-connecting with Hwy. 101 just north of Prunedale. Not only is it not needed, the Prunedale Bypass will enable development of the area east of Hwy. 101 and the Gavilan Range.

Developers do not like to pay for infrastructure. It is not a coincidence that they and big business are supporting this measure. They would much rather have working people foot their bills. It is clear that the function of this tax hike is to subsidize development making traffic and congestion worse. The Sierra Club and responsible urban planners know that you can’t pave your way out of congestion.

Remember, vote no on Measure A.
Christopher Krohn
Santa Cruz County Supervisor, 3rd District

The Sierra Club is pleased to endorse Chris Krohn for Santa Cruz County Supervisor, 3rd District. Krohn’s commitment to protection of Santa Cruz County’s natural and open space lands is one of his top priorities. He is firmly on record as opposing the widening of Highway 1 and supporting environmentally-friendly public transportation including a bicycle-pedestrian trail on the rail right-of-way. Krohn promotes affordable housing within current urban footprints at levels that ensure adequate water supplies. He believes in strengthening the local economy by attracting green businesses that will provide employment without pollution.

As a Santa Cruz City Council member, Krohn successfully fought to improve water quality by stopping timber harvesting in the City’s watershed lands. He has worked to preserve agricultural lands from development.

Krohn is a former Mayor of Santa Cruz. He is currently the Environmental Studies Internship Coordinator at UCSC, and his wife, Rachel, is Chair of the Environmental Studies Department at San Jose State University. The Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club feels that Krohn reflects the values of the Sierra Club.

To help with his campaign, contact Krohn at 420-1266 or visit www.chriskrohnfor supervisor.org.

Governor:
Phil Angelides and Steve Westly

Sierra Club California endorses both Angelides and Westly. Either would be the greenest governor California has ever had. Both candidates have used their current positions to safeguard our state’s air, water, coast, and open space.

Angelides has guided California’s huge pension funds, CALPERS and CALSTRS, into green investments. Westly has taken on the auto companies on global warming and the power plants on marine life protection.

Lieutenant Governor:
Liz Figueroa, John Garamendi, and Jackie Speier

All three of these candidates have good records. Senator Figueroa has voted for all of the Club’s most important bills in the Senate over the last three years. Insurance Commissioner Garamendi authored laws on clean energy and toxic clean-up when he served in the legislature. As Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Dept. of Interior he blocked the Ward Valley nuclear waste dump and implemented water reforms. Senator Speier voted for 83% of the Club’s highest priority bills in the Senate over the last three years.

Attorney General:
Jerry Brown

As Governor of California, Jerry Brown pushed for alternative energy and green building. He favored mass transit over highway construction and was a strong advocate for river and forest protection. During his interview with the Sierra Club, Brown emphasized the need to defend the state vigorously against efforts by the right-wing congressional leadership and the White House to preempt important state environmental laws with looser (or non-existent) federal standards. Brown will be a strong advocate for coastal and forest protection and will vigorously pursue polluters in court.

Secretary of State:
Debra Bowen

One of the principal issues facing the secretary of state is the problem of applying modern technology to voting. As chair of the Senate Elections Committee, Senator Bowen has been an aggressive leader in fighting for safeguards to ensure that all votes will be accurately recorded and reported. She has been a strong supporter of Clean Money campaign finance reform.

Bowen has been an environmental leader during her 14 years in the legislature. She voted for 23 of the Club’s 24 highest priority bills in the last three years.

Treasurer: Bill Lockyer

For eight years Lockyer has been the greenest attorney general in California history. He now promises to be the greenest treasurer. The treasurer can influence environmental policy through investment decisions of the pension funds and through leadership of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority.

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Sierra Club Events

Friday, June 9

Potluck & Slides
The slide show topic could not be confirmed at press time. Please call George if you want to know. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own plate, cup, utensils, and serving utensils. Love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value $4) make great contributions too. For directions call George, 335-7748.

Sunday - Monday, August 13-14

Lobby Day
Mark your calendar now to travel to Sacramento to lobby with Sierra Club California. Training on Sunday afternoon. Visit with key legislators on Monday. Free hotel in double-occupancy rooms and meals. Details in article below.

Lobby for the environment
Sierra Club California is conducting its annual Lobby Day in Sacramento to August 13 and 14. Come to Sacramento, meet Club members from all over the State and join in the fun. The actual Lobby Day is Monday, August 14. On Sunday afternoon the Club’s lobbyists will train you with helpful instructions and the inside story on how to conduct successful meetings with legislators and their staff members. Club staff will also discuss the legislative process and provide talking points on this year’s priority bills for the Club. On Monday, participants will attend meetings with key legislators throughout the day which will end with a debriefing and wrap up at the Sierra Club office.

Sierra Club California will provide free hotel accommodations in double-occupancy rooms in a nearby hotel in Sacramento and will also provide Sunday dinner, Monday breakfast and Monday lunch. Most transportation expenses will be reimbursed with prior approval. The registration deadline for Lobby Day is August 1. Please register as soon as possible as we may receive more applications than we have spaces. Contact Sabrina Juarez, Sierra Club California Legislative Aide, for more information, 916-557-1100 ext.107 or at Juarez@sierraclub-sac.org.

Saturday, June 24

Composting Workshop
You can make organic fertilizer in your own backyard by composting. Learn what makes composting happen, what should and shouldn’t be composted, and more. Compost bins available at $20 discount for qualifying Santa Cruz County residents who register in advance. Workshop FREE. Skypark, Scotts Valley, 1-3:00 p.m. Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Dept. of PW. Call 423-HEAP (4327).

Saturday, July 8

Beautiful Bats
Drop in between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Museum of Natural History in Santa Cruz, 1305 East Cliff Drive to visit with live bats from the California Bat Conservation Fund. Parents must accompany children. Ages 6 and up. FREE.

Saturdays (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, 458-9841.

Second and Fourth Saturdays
Habitat restoration — Watsonville
2nd and 4th 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 Road and Main Street in Watsonville. Gloves, tools and lunch provided. Call Laura Kummerer, 728-4106 for more information. No experience necessary.

Free Wormshops
Learn how worms can eat your food scraps and make beautiful compost for your garden. FREE workshop for Santa Cruz County residents. 10:00-3:00 p.m. Optional worm bin, $15. Call to reserve worm bin. Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. Call Karin Grobe, 427-3452.

Saturday, June 17, Aladdin Nursery, 2907 Freedom Boulevard, Watsonville.
Sunday, July 23, Quail Hollow County Park, 800 Quail Hollow Road, Felton.

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.

Saturday, June 9

Potluck & Slides
See June 9 for details.

Friday - Monday, July 21-24

Channel Islands Cruise
Visit four of the Channel Islands with Sierra Club members accompanied by a ranger/naturalist. Proceeds to benefit Sierra Club political programs in California. Other dates offered in August. $750 includes sumptuous meals, snacks, and bunks on the boat. For more information contact Joan Jones Holtz, jholzhln@aol.com, 626-443-0706.

Saturday, July 22

Senior Pot Luck: Paradise Park
Something new! Join the folks at Paradise Park Masonic Club picnic grounds for the weekly wiener roast and potluck. Old fashioned wood fire pit for cooking. Bring potluck dish, meat to cook, service and beverage to share. Social at 5:30 p.m.

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Activists launch campaign to green up local cities

by Denise Frischmuth

Activists are working to get local cities to commit to more sustainable practices. Americans for an Informed Democracy, which is leading the campaign, (AIDemocracy) works with college and high school students nationwide on raising awareness of global issues and encouraging environmental practices. On its Earth Day conference at CSUMB, AIDemocracy launched its campaign to get local cities to sign on to the Urban Environmental Accords proclaimed by the United Nations at the UN World Environment Day in June 2005. The Accords were first developed by the City of San Francisco and modified by mayors of cities all over the world.

These Accords, which have been endorsed by the Sierra Club, cover seven areas with three actions each. Cities commit to achieving the goals within seven years. The goals are:

- **Energy** (renewable energy, energy efficiency, climate change)
- **Waste Reduction** (zero waste, manufacturer responsibility, consumer responsibility)
- **Urban Design** (green building, urban planning, slums)
- **Urban Nature** (parks, habitat restoration, wildlife)
- **Transportation** (public transit, clean vehicles, reducing congestion)
- **Environmental Health** (toxics reduction, healthy food, clean air)
- **Water** (water access & efficiency, source water conservation, water waste reduction)

To help cities as they work on implementing the Accords, the Environmental Affairs Department of the City of San Francisco will share information about its own experience implementing the Accords. Recognizing that each city’s circumstances is unique, the Accords grant cities autonomy in creating benchmarks and goals. The process is self-regulating.

Reduction in energy costs is a very attractive and important benefit cities experience as a result of their investments in eco-friendly projects. For example, Syracuse, N.Y., a signatory to the Accords, claims it is saving almost $1 million a year through its environmentally-friendly practices.

It is recognized that not all cities will achieve all 21 goals in seven years, but signing on means a commitment to work towards a healthier environment and the opportunity to have the city’s accomplishments recognized worldwide.

A City Green Star Program will be created to grant recognition for a city’s accomplishments at the end of the seven years: a four-star city will have completed between 19 and 21 actions, a three-star city between 15 and 18, two stars for 12 to 17 actions completed and one star for 8 to 11.

Locally, Capitola has already signed on to the Accords. Other Northern California cities which have adopted the Accords include San Francisco, Oakland, Emeryville, Novato, and San Jose.

How to help

To get involved contact Yuri Beckelman, AIDemocracy Regional Director, 238-6246, yuri@aidemocracy.org.


Feds affirm that local coho are native

Effective March 23 of this year the National Marine Fisheries Service denied Homer T. (Bud) McCrary’s petition to redefine the boundary of the Central California Coast coho salmon claiming that the local coho were not native and were hatchery fish.

The investigation proved otherwise, turning up coho salmon specimens from both Waddell and Scott Creeks from 1895 in the California Academy of Science’s collection. Hatchery fish introductions began in 1906.

Reluctant to give up, McCrary is now asking that local coho be excluded from the National Marine Fisheries Coho Recovery Plan claiming that restoration is senseless because the fish need hatchery supplementation due to “climate, geology, and ocean conditions south of San Francisco,” as stated by the Central Coast Forest Association which insists the problem has nothing to do with habitat degradation.

Fresh water habitat destruction is widely recognized by the scientific community to be the major reason for the collapse of salmon populations.

Volunteers needed to collect and test water samples during the summer

Here’s your chance to be the detective or chemist you’ve always wanted to be. The Coastal Watershed Council is looking for volunteers to participate in trainings to learn how to monitor storm drain outfalls for common urban pollutants such as detergents, chloride, and bacteria. In the past volunteers have discovered chloride leaks, cooking oil spills and major detergent and bacteria discharges into local waterways.

Upcoming trainings will be held on June 3 in Monterey and on June 10 in Capitola. Have fun in the outdoors with other conservation-minded people while helping collect valuable information. No experience necessary. Dress in layers, bring drinking water and a snack. To learn more call (Monterey) Bridget Hoover, 883-9303 or (Capitola) Debbie Chirco-Macdonald, 464-9200.

Come to Santa Rosa to help save Monterey pines

The continuation of the Coastal Commission hearing on the Pebble Beach Company’s plans to cut down over 17,000 trees to build a new golf course, driving range, luxury housing, more hotel rooms and golf cottages is scheduled before the California Coastal Commission on Wednesday, June 14. The Coastal Commission met on March 9 for a preliminary hearing of this massively destructive project in Monterey. That hearing drew a large crowd and lasted almost 12 hours. The Club had over 150 members opposing the project.

If you can attend the hearing in Santa Rosa, contact Rita Dalesio, 659-7046.
A feeling of joy and satisfaction pervades the Grey Bears’ recycling facility in mid-Santa Cruz County. It is palpable. On this 3-acre plot, seniors are hard at work recycling just about everything.

Founded in 1973 by two UCSC students (helped by local senior, Frank Gallagher) who didn’t want surplus produce from their garden to go to waste, Grey Bears has evolved into a non-profit that gives seniors a reason to get out of the house and do something worthwhile. “I like to say we are recycling the life skills of seniors to benefit the community,” expresses Lynn Francis, Executive Director. Relying on about 500 volunteers assisted by a staff of 7, the California Grey Bears keeps 11,000 tons of material out of local landfills annually and uses the proceeds to feed seniors.

Almost nothing is wasted. Many of the volunteers remember collecting string and newspapers during World War II and employ those long-ago-learned skills to meet the challenge of a sustainable modern economy. The organization distributes donated and gleaned fresh produce to 2300 seniors per week. Produce that cannot be distributed is fed to livestock or turned into high-quality compost which is sold dirt cheap.

In a small shed on the Grey Bears property on Chanticleer Avenue in Live Oak, volunteers disassemble old computers to recover the valuable parts. Recently retired Ron and Carolyn Stephenson are the volunteer managers of the computer refurbishing program. “We remove and sell lots of computer parts including the wires,” explains Ron, holding up an old Pentium chip. “If you grind it up to recycle, you get less money. This chip contains 60¢ worth of gold.”

The volunteer labor makes the economics pencil out. In the next building workers give new life to old newspapers by rolling them into bundles which are sold to growers to protect flowers being shipped nationwide. “Scrap newspapers can be sold for $0.50/ton; rolled, they sell for $200/ton.

By working with Santa Cruz County programs, Grey Bears complements government activities rather than competing with them. For example, the recycling program at the Buena Vista landfill operated by Santa Cruz County is run by Grey Bears. Their for-profit subsidiary, SCRAP, which recycles cardboard and...
plastic film for local business customers, operates with the County's blessing as it diverts these materials from the county landfill.

In addition to recycling, Grey Bears promotes re-use. They operate a thrift shop where household treasures, clothing and furniture are offered for sale. In Grey Bears' computer shop, refurbished computers are sold at bargain prices to those who might otherwise not be able to afford one.

Membership in Grey Bears costs $20/ year. Volunteers get bags of produce, lunch and a chance to join in the fun. Special events throughout the year include a volunteer recognition dinner, a fall picnic, and a Holiday Dinner for 2500 seniors. Learning opportunities such as cooking and computer classes enrich members lives.

After viewing the movie Calendar Girls, some of the Grey Bears volunteers and staff decided to publish a risqué calendar. Executive director, Lynn Francis is Ms February. She is described as valuing "love, harmony, peace and waste reduction." To see enticing photos of Grey Bears Calendar Girls visit www.greybears.org.

**Do you have extra produce?**

If your fruit trees are especially prolific or your garden overbursting with tomatoes, string beans or other luscious veggies, consider donating your extra produce to Grey Bears. Deliver produce to their facility at 2710 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz. Call 479-1055 if you need assistance to pick the fruit off your trees. Don’t let that good food go to waste.

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**Pajaro named most endangered river in USA**

In April citing the threat to riverside communities from flooding exacerbated by the Army Corps of Engineers' failed attempts to tame the river, American Rivers named the Pajaro River as America's #1 most endangered river for 2006. The annual America's Most Endangered Rivers report highlights 10 rivers facing a major turning point the coming year, where action by citizens can make a huge difference for both community well-being and river health.

American Rivers joined the Pajaro River Watershed Committee and the Sierra Club in spotlighting threats to the river, along with workable solutions. The Pajaro River, and the safety and well-being of adjacent communities, are at a critical turning point. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is poised to recommend yet another old-style, over-engineered flood control project that will produce an increasing risk of catastrophic flooding. To protect Watsonville and other communities along the river and restore the health of the Pajaro, the Corps must adopt a modern, comprehensive flood control project that works with nature—instead of against it.

The Pajaro River flows from the Diablo mountain range to Monterey Bay. On the coast the communities of Watsonville and Pajaro have flooded repeatedly in recent years, most dramatically in 1995 and 1998. The transformation of the lower river’s once lush riparian habitat into a denuded channel has compromised natural flood protection along the waterway. Following severe floods in 1995, most of the trees along the lower Pajaro’s levees were removed in a misguided attempt to reduce flooding. Instead, the now bare channel has led to the increased velocity of flood waters, further erosion, and millions of dollars in flood damage recovery efforts.

To make matters worse, 70 years of extensive sand and gravel mining in upstream tributaries has unleashed millions of cubic yards of sediment that are washed downstream harming water quality and the river’s ability to handle severe runoff. Upstream activities including farming and development have also added to peak flood flows, increasing the risk of flooding downstream. The Corps is proposing to rebuild destructive and outdated levees, which would cost taxpayers more than $200 million to construct instead of restoring the historic upstream floodplain and wetlands that could provide the first line of defense against flooding.

American Rivers and its partners on the Pajaro are urging the Corps to advance a watershed-wide management plan for the Pajaro that works with nature, and not against it. Such a plan would seek a more natural course for the river, restore a healthy riparian corridor, revegetate the river’s banks and channel, and identify upstream wetlands and riparian lands where floodwaters could naturally and safely overflow.

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**NEWS CLIPS**

**Big step in Big Sur**

California Condors have taken a big step toward independence with the first sighting of a condor feeding on a dead beached whale in Big Sur. The released, captive-bred condors are fed by biologists who leave calf carcasses for the birds.

**Just pennies**

According to an Energy Information Administration, US Department of Energy report, drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would reduce gas prices by a mere penny/gallon in 20 years. How about raising fuel economy standards to 40 mpg instead?

**Spin**

A new Bush administration report on wetlands misleads the public by stating there has been a net gain in wetlands. Only thing, they counted ponds used for treating wastewater, storm water and other effluent. Back when I was in school, that was called cheating.

**Extinction plan?**

The Fish and Wildlife Service has finally declared critical habitat for the endangered red-legged frog. Sadly, the habitat designated is 39% smaller than scientists recommended, and there is none in Calaveras County, home of Mark Twain’s famous story about the red-legged frog. Without sufficient suitable places to live, it will be bad for the frog.
Thursday Farmers Market. Plenty of parking lot, parking lot A. This is the site of the turn left and left again into the first parking Fisherman’s Wharf exit, go straight one block, College Parking Lot. From Hwy. 1 take the meets in Sears parking lot close to 41st Ave 41st and Capitola Road.

Senior Saunter Sears. We meet behind the bank located at Mall. Pass the main Mall entrance and turn toward the ocean on 41st Avenue toward the tola, take the 41st Avenue exit and continue Graham Hill Rd. into Felton Faire shopping center. We meet at past Roaring Camp (on the left), make a right ham Hill Rd. toward Felton. Just after you DIRECTIONS: gain; easy pace.

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 3 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.

M E E T I N G  P L A C E S

DIRECTIONS:

Park and Ride/Black Bear Diner: This parking lot is on Rio Road in Carmel. 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 Safari 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.

J U N E

Saturday, June 3
WALK: SAN JUAN BAUTISTA We’ll walk-about in this historic California town. We’ll visit and learn about the charming streets and houses, including the State Park Plaza. Walk a few miles and spend a few hours in the past and in the sunshine (I hope). Bring lunch, water and dress for weather. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Seaside Home Depot parking lot (by the service station) on Canyon Del Rey at Hwy. 1. Ramps. For more information, call leader: Joyce Stevens, 624-3149.

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Thursday, June 1
WALK: ASILOMAR/PEBBLE BEACH A 4-mile walk, along streets and walkways in Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach, then via a trail between lawns to the beach and out to Point Joe and back with ocean views finishing at Asilomar via boardwalks. Bring lunch and a snack; done about noon. Meet across from the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Drive at Asilomar Blvd. in Pacific Grove at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Tuesday, June 6
SENIOR HIKE: BIG BASIN/SLIPPERY RK A 5-mile moderate hike along the Sequoia Trail to Sempervirens Falls to Slippery Rock to Skyline to Sea Trail. One steep uphill at Slippery Rock. Take at your own pace. We’ll lunch at top of Slippery Rock. Those wishing for a shorter hike can turn back at the falls. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave or at Felton Faire at 9:45 a.m. Bring lunch, water, $4 carpool and share of entrance $. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 475-4815.

Wednesday, June 7
HIKE: SIERRA AZUL We’ll traverse part of the Sierra Azul Preserve and Bay Area Ridge Trail, starting from Kennedy Rd. in Los Gatos. Breathtaking views. In March we hiked up this trail on a clear day and could see San Francisco. Bring lunch and water for this 8-mile hike with some uphill. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. to carpool. We will start from the trailhead on Kennedy Rd. in Los Gatos at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5695.

Saturday, June 10
HIKE: BIG BASIN TO THE SEA We’ll meet at the Santa Cruz Bus Station at 8:00 a.m. to take a bus to the Park Headquarters where we start our 15-mile hike. We must keep a fast and steady pace in order to catch the 4:00 p.m. bus back to Santa Cruz. We’ll see the most majestic redwoods in the state and enjoy spectacular, breathtaking waterfalls before we get to our grand finale, Waddell Beach on Hwy. 1. Bring food, water, $1.50 each way for the bus fare (exact change). Wear hiking boots. For more information, call leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Sunday, June 11
SINGLES VEGETARIAN POTLUCK & BOATING: LOCH LOMOND 4:30 p.m. We’ll have an upper supper potluck at 4:30 p.m. at the lakeshore. Afterwards we’ll go boating, or you may hike or just socialize and relax. (Sorry, no swimming or alcohol allowed in the park.) You may bring your own boat, or we may rent shared row or paddle boats there for approximately $2-$3/person for 2 hours. Parking is free after 4:00 p.m. For carpools, meet at 3:15 p.m. at Felton Faire or at the lakeshore picnic tables at Loch Lomond at 4:00 p.m. Please bring your own plate, cup and serving utensils and a potluck dish to share. For more information, call after 11:00 a.m. 335-3342. Leader: Karen Kaplan.

Sunday, June 11
HIKE: LOWER PEBBLE BEACH Enjoy spectacular ocean views and Del Monte Forest on this 9-mile hike, starting near Salooman, then south along Spanish Bay to Bird Rock. We then proceed east adjacent to special use hiking on the trails. From the north flank we can hike up Logan Blanco. From the north flank we can hike up Logan's Picnic area. We then proceed north to the Boy Scout hills, then east to the Boy Scout Camp and then via the north flank of Picnic area. We then proceed north to the Boy Scout hills, then east to the Boy Scout Camp and then via the north flank of Picnic area. Shade is scarce on this hike; plan on bringing your own shade. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Water, shade and sunscreen are available at the park store.

NOTICE

Club events such as potlucks, slide shows and other get-togethers are on page 7 in the Calendar listings.

Published by Sierra Club members in 1934, this rustic, hostel-style lodge stands atop historic Donner Pass, just an hour and a half from Sacramento. Expect convenient access to all mountain activities, excellent family style meals, a friendly staff and a casual atmosphere.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

JUNE 16–18 Navigational Workshop Price: $145 members, $170 non-members (includes lodging, meals and workshop)

JUNE 16–18, SEPTEMBER 8–10 Yoga Workshop Price: $145 members, $170 non-members (includes lodging, meals and workshop)

JUNE 18–23 Sierra Serenity 5 days of hiking with 12 stop meetings Price: $250

JUNE 23–25, JULY 21–23, AUGUST 18–20 Donner Lake Rim Trail Work Party Participants receive a 50% discount on their second night of lodging

JULY 8, OCTOBER 7 Full Moon Hikes Free for guests of the Lodge

JULY 14–16 Mountain Bike Weekend Free for guests of the Lodge

AUGUST 11–13 Second Annual Save the Clair Tappan Experience Fundraising Event

For more information about these programs or to receive a full schedule and description of Clair Tappan programs please visit our website at www.sci.sierracvb.org or call (800) 679-6775.
along 17 Mile Drive. Bring water, lunch, and wear hiking shoes. Meet in front of the Fisherman’s Restaurant on Sunset Drive and Asilomar Avenue in Pacific Grove at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Stacy Smith, 625-5256.

Wednesday, June 14

SENIOR SAUNTER: ELKHORN SLOUGH
Please note this walk is ON A WEDNESDAY since the reserve is not open on Tuesdays. This coastal wetland is one of the few remaining marshes on the migratory flyway for birds. We hope to see egrets, blue herons, hawks, teals, etc. Joanna Aria will be our docent on this pleasant 4-mile walk with some moderate uphill. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. If you wish to go direct, call leader for directions. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, $5 carpool and share of entrance fee. Leader: Joanna Aria, 685-1824.

Saturday, June 17

HIKE: MITTELDORF PRESERVE
Join me on this wonderful hike around the Mitteldorf Preserve, administered by the Big Sur Land Trust. 9 miles and 2,000’ elevation gain. This coastal wetland is one of the few remaining marshes on the migratory flyway for birds. We hope to see egrets, blue herons, hawks, teals, etc. Joanna Aria will be our docent on this pleasant 4-mile walk with some moderate uphill. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. If you wish to go direct, call leader for directions. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, $5 carpool and share of entrance fee. Leader: Andrie Suter, 624-1467.

Saturday, June 17

HIKE: FALL CREEK
We’ll hike this beautiful redwood forest along the Fall Creek Trail, then up the South Fork, we’ll hike this beautiful redwood forest along the Fall Creek Trail, then up the South Fork, then up the South Fork, we’ll hike this beautiful redwood forest along the Fall Creek Trail, then up the South Fork. We’ll hike this beautiful redwood forest along the Fall Creek Trail, then up the South Fork, we’ll hike this beautiful redwood forest along the Fall Creek Trail, then up the South Fork, we’ll hike this beautiful redwood forest along the Fall Creek Trail, then up the South Fork.

Sunday, June 18

HIKE: TERRACE CREEK
Hike up the Pine Ridge trail from the Big Sur Ranger Station to beautiful Terrace Creek. We’ll go up the trail along the creek and enjoy cascading waters and crystal clear pools. From the lunch stop on the highest point we’ll hike back down the Old Coast Road to the Ventana Inn. With some luck, we might see condors and enjoy the great views of the north and south. This 12-mile hike has 2300’ elevation gain. Short car shuttle. Bring lunch and plenty of water, and wear boots. Meet at Albertson’s at 8:00 a.m. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, June 20

SENIOR HIKE: ROARING CAMP
We’ll walk around the railroad cars, go on trails, and climb to the top of Bear Mountain for lunch. Portable restroom. Moderate 2.5 miles with some uphill. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave or at Felton Faire at 9:30 a.m. To go direct, take Graham Hill Rd to Roaring Camp entrance. Park (for fee) at area by San Lorenzo Lumber. Bring water, lunch, repellent, $3 carpool. Leader: Helena Cantin, 438-2453.

Friday-Sunday, June 23-25

BACKPACK: DOMELAND WILDERNESS
In the southernmost Sierra, this wilderness includes ponderosa pines, sage meadows, and the flowing South Fork of the Kern River. On Friday, we backpack four miles to Rockhouse Basin, set up camp, and explore. Saturday will be a day hike to climb one of the prominent domes; Sunday will be a leisurely return to our cars. This will be a moderate journey for learning backpackers. Leader: Craig Deutsche, deutsche@earthlink.net, (310-477-4670). A CNRCC Desert Committee outing.

Saturday, June 24

HIKE: BIG BASIN
This will be a surprise walk because the leader hasn’t quite figured the exact route yet. It will involve approximately 8 miles and 1600’ of elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick if you can’t stand surprises. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3161.

Sunday, June 25

WALK: LIME KILN CREEK
A long drive takes us to a short but lovely walk among the redwoods along Lime Kiln and Hare Creeks, far below Cone Peak. Bring water, lunch and $ to share gas cost and state park entry fee. Meet at Black Bear Diner and Hare Creeks, far below Cone Peak. Bring water, lunch and $ to share gas cost and state park entry fee. Meet at Black Bear Diner and Hare Creeks, far below Cone Peak. Bring water, lunch and $ to share gas cost and state park entry fee. Meet at Black Bear Diner and Hare Creeks, far below Cone Peak. Bring water, lunch and $ to share gas cost and state park entry fee. Meet at Black Bear Diner and Hare Creeks, far below Cone Peak. Bring water, lunch and $ to share gas cost and state park entry fee. Meet at Black Bear Diner and Hare Creeks, far below Cone Peak. Bring water, lunch and $ to share gas cost and state park entry fee. Meet at Black Bear Diner.

Swimming

Saturday, July 1

SWIM/HIKE: ARROYO SECO
This outing has been called an amphibious hike. We start at the Arroyo Seco parking lot and hike about 3 miles to get into the water. We’ll wade and walk upstream through several small waterfalls, then have to swim through deep ponds and the narrow gorge to reach the big waterfall. When we are lucky, we will climb it and enjoy lunch further up in the sun. Only real good swimmers and energetic hikers are encouraged, kids over 12 years of age with parents are welcome. Put your food in double plastic zip lock bags in an old rucksack. Wear old tennis shoes or water sandals with toe protection and a bathing suit underneath your clothes. A rubber mattress or a floating device are nice to float downstream. Bring water and sun block, a hat, and wear a white shirt in the water. Bring $ for carpool. We’ll stop for a milkshake at Miller’s after the trip. Reserve the whole day. Call for reservation. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Saturday, July 8

HIKE: UPPER PEBBLE BEACH
Enjoy an 8-mile hike through beautiful Del Monte Forest. We leave from Carmel Beach, hike through Pescadero Cyn., down through S.P.B. Morse Reserve, then through Poppy Hills, and out past Huckleberry Hills. Bring water, lunch. Wear hiking shoes. Meet at Carmel Beach at the west end of Ocean Ave. at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Stacy Smith, 625-5256.

Saturday, July 8

MARATHON HIKE: EAST TO WEST
This is the infamous 23-mile hike from China Camp (4,260’) east of the coastal range to Big Sur State Park (370’) in the west in one day. We start at first light and probably won’t finish until dark. Call the leader re car shuttle arrangements. Bring enough food; we can filter water along the way. This is a very strenuous hike; only tough hikers are encouraged.
Saturday, July 8

HIKE: NISENE MARKS
A 9 1/2 mile hike up the West Ridge trail, past Hoffman’s Logging Camp site, and down and out through Bridge Creek Canyon, with a rugged one mile in and out side trip to Maple Falls. 820’ elevation gain. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or at the parking lot behind Apts Station at 9:50 a.m. Bring plenty of water, lunch and $2 carpool, plus share of park entry fee. Short car-shuttle. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Sunday, July 9

HIKE: CHINA CAMP TO TASSAJARA
A car shuttle will be needed for this 11-mile hike with 1500’ elevation gain. We’ll start at China Camp, up and down on the Pine Ridge Trail to Church Creek Divide and on to Tassajara. We will benefit from the very hard work the VWA has done on this trail. Unfortunately, the crew was not able to finish, so please wear long sleeves and long pants. Breathtaking vistas. We’ll check out the unique caves that have been created by time, wind and water erosion. One wonders who and what has occupied these places. Bring plenty of water and food, $ for carpool, a filter for more water will be provided. For information call leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Tuesday, July 11

SENIOR HIKE: CROSTANO
This 4 mile hike on trails above Costanoa Resort consists of the Pampas Heaven Loop with lots of gradual uphill. Spectacular views. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at 9:50 a.m. at Shinn’s Gallery at King & Mission. To go direct, park in rear of parking lot at General Store. Hiking boots recommended. Bring lunch, water and $5 carpool. General Store has a deli counter for sandwiches, etc. Tick repellent recommended. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Friday, July 14

HIKE: WEST MOLERA
We’ll hike up Hidden Trail and Ridge Trail, enjoying views of Pico Blanco and Post Summit. After lunch we descend via the Panorama Trail and Bluff Trail with views of the ocean and Point Sur. Bring lunch, water, and a windbreaker as the ocean breeze can be cold even at this time of year. Meet behind Brinton’s at 9:30 a.m. for this 8-mile hike with 1200’ elevation gain. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427.

Saturday, July 15

HIKE: BIG BASIN
From Park Headquarters we’ll go up Skyline-to-the-Sea trail to East Ridge trail and back with a lunch stop at Sky Meadow. 8 miles round trip, with 600’ elevation gain. Bring lunch and water and wear hiking boots. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:30 a.m., or at Felton Faire at 10:00 a.m. Leader: George Jammal, 335-7748.

Sunday, July 16

HIKE: CARMEL RIVER BEACH

Tuesday, July 18

SENIOR HIKE: NISENE MARKS
Shady 3-mile hike beginning at Marcel’s Trail, cross the creek and view Twisted Redwood Tree and hidden garden. Some moderate ups and downs. Lunch at George’s picnic area. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, park at the kiosk near entrance. Bring water, lunch, tick repellent and $1 carpool. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 425-3803.

Saturday, July 22

HIKE: QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH AND LOCH LOMOND RESERVOIR
A 7-mile combination hike, including a 3-1/2 mile trek through Quail Hollow Ranch Park and a 3-1/2 mile trek through Loch Lomond Reservoir Park. Quail Hollow, with its sandy and rocky terrain, we’ll see Ponderosa Pine, a rare relic of cooler and moister time in the coast range; second-growth redwood forest; and mature dwarf redwoods that grow only 18 to 20 feet high in shallow rocky soil. After a moderate shuttle to Loch Lomond, with its gorgeous reservoir, we’ll hike through a mixed second-growth redwood, madrone and oak forest and along the banks of the reservoir. Bring plenty of water, lunch and $3 carpool, plus share of park entry fees. Meet at Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:30 a.m. or at Felton Faire at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Tuesday, July 25

SENIOR HIKE: DE LA VEAGA
Hike by Branciforte Creek, redwoods, laurels and oaks. Some uphill. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at De La Veaga Park by restrooms at 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch, water and $2 carpool. Leader: Janet Schwind, 425-3845.

Saturday, July 29

HIKE: WEST MOLERA
Join me for this 8-mile hike with 1200’ elevation gain up Hidden Trail and Ridge Trail, enjoying views of Pico Blanco and Post Summit. After lunch on top, we descend via the Panorama and Bluff Trail, with views of the ocean and Point Sur. Bring lunch, water, $1, and a windbreaker. Meet at Albertson’s at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Steve Legnard, 425-1422.

Sunday, July 30

HIKE: HUCKLEBERRY HILL/PRESIDIO
Our 2-hour slow poke hike meanders up and down some steep jeep roads. If it’s a clear day, we’ll have beautiful views of Pacific Grove, Monterey and Pebble Beach. Come to see Monterey’s highest nature preserve, and if we guessed right, the huckleberries should be ripe for picking. So bring a baggie. Meet at Whole Foods at Del Monte Shopping Center side parking lot in Monterey at 10:00 a.m. Bring a windbreaker, water, snack and wear good walking shoes. For more information call leader: Joyce Stevens, 624-3149.
**Outings**

**August**

Saturday, August 5

**HIKE: MEDICINE BUDDHA TO SAND PT**

A 10-mile hike from the Medicine Buddha above Soquel following Bates Creek up to the West Ridge and Hinckley Ridge to Sand Point Overlook in Nielsen Marks State Park. Spectacular views of the Monterey Bay from the West Ridge and from Sand Point. 1500’ elevation gain with no creek crossings. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:45 a.m. Bring plenty of water, lunch and $2 for carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Sunday, August 6

**HIKE: OLD COAST ROAD**

This hike had to be cancelled because of the Big Sur Marathon so, because of great demand, here it is again. It’s 11 miles with 1200’ elevation gain. We’ll enjoy vistas of beautiful valleys, giant redwoods and the Pacific Ocean. We start to hike at West Molera, requiring a car shuttle, and end with an unforgettable view of the majestic Bixby Bridge. Bring lunch, plenty of water and $ for carpool. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Albertson’s. For more information, call leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Sunday, August 6

**HIKE: LITTLE SUR**

Big Sur has many lovely stream-side walks, and if the trail is clear, this is one of the best! We’ll need a flexible attitude if it is necessary to switch to a different spot, but we’ll be sure to find a pretty place and perhaps stop for a treat on the way home. Bring lunch and water, boots with good tread, and a cheerful outlook. Meet at Big Bear Diner P+R parking lot on Rio Road at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Tuesday, August 8

**SENIOR HIKE: FALL CREEK**

Shady 2+ mile hike in redwood forest partly along the creek. Some moderate uphill. Trail is rocky in places. We’ll lunch at limestone kilns. After lunch, optional another mile or so from the kilns. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or just before 10:00 a.m. at Felton Fair. To go direct, use parking lot on Empire Grade up from Hwy. 9. 9 Boots recommended. Bring water, lunch, repellent and $ carpool. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 475-4185.

Friday, August 11

**BIKE RIDE: PACIFIC GROVE TO MARINA**

Let’s explore the new links in the Monterey Bay Coastal Trail through Monterey and Sand City. Meet at Lovers Point in Pacific Grove at 10:00 a.m., at the start of the Rec. Trail. Our route will be almost all on paved bike trails, with some street work in Marina and Sand City. Relatively flat ride with a few short, sharp hills. Be prepared for headwinds and some congestion on the trail, especially Fisherman’s Wharf on the return trip. Total distance is 30 miles, at a leisurely pace. Helmets mandatory. Bring water and lunch which we’ll eat at Lock Paddon Park in Marina. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427.

Saturday, August 12

**HIKE: SQUQU DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST**

This demonstration forest, one of only two in the state, is used by the State Division of Forestry and university forestry classes for forest practices research and forestry training. Located high on a ridge (2600’) and deep in a canyon (800’) behind The Forest of Niiesen Marks, this forest is bordered on the north by Soquel Creek and is directly above the San Andreas Fault. We’ll hike from the junction of Eureka Canyon Road and Highland Way through the upper reaches of Niiesen Marks to the Ridge Trail. We’ll hike the Ridge Trail to the Tractor Trail where we’ll drop down into the canyon and follow Hilln’s Mill Road to hike’s end at Highland Way. 11 miles. Car shuttle. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. Bring plenty of water, lunch and $4 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Saturday, August 12

**WALK: POINT LOBOS**

We’ll start this 4-mile hike near beautiful Point Lobos, on to Ixchenta Point, then past Whaler’s Cove, to the top of Whaler’s Knoll and back via Lace Lichen trail. We might still find some wildflowers and spot some wildlife. Meet at Albertson’s at 9:05 a.m. for a short carpool. Bring snack, water, and optional binoculars. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Sunday, August 13

**HIKE: LOWER PEBBLE BEACH**

Enjoy spectacular ocean views and Del Monte Forest on this 9-mile hike starting near Asilomar, then south along Spanish Bay to Bird Rock. We then proceed east adjacent to Sycamore Hill and Poppy Hills Golf Course down through S.F.B. Morse Reserve and out along 17 Mile Drive. Bring water, lunch, and wear hiking shoes. Meet in front of the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Drive and Asilomar Avenue in Pacific Grove at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Stacy Smith, 625-5256.

### Carpool News

Meet 1 hour before formal meeting time in order to save gas and protect the environment when participating in out-of-county outings. Informal (no leader) carpool meeting spots:

- **Santa Cruz:** County Gov’t Center.
- **Monterey:** K-Mart Seaside

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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.

I. Chapter & Group Election Timetable


Jun-Aug: Nominating Committees recruit candidates for Executive Committee, choose at least 2 more candidates than the number of openings on each ExCom.

July 1: Petition candidates may begin to circulate petitions, calling Election Chair for materials.

September 15: Chapter and Group NomComs submit names of candidates to Chapter and Group ExComs.

October 1: All candidate petitions and statements with photos for inclusion in election mailing to members must be submitted to Election Chair; materials not received by deadline may not be included in the mailing.

November 15: Election Chair creates Committee lists and provides candidate names to Chapter/Group offices and to webmaster for member information.

November 15: Election materials delivered to mail house unless to be in Ventana.

November 30: Election materials mailed to members unless included in Ventana.

December 30: Deadline for postmark on returned ballots.

January 2007: Election Committee Chair reports election results to Chapter ExCom.

II. Election Rules and Procedures

Nominating Committees consist of not fewer than 3 members, appointed each year by ExComs in spring, and whose term expires on Dec. 31. Their membership is published in the August Ventana.

Duties: Select nominees and report names to Chapter ExCom by September 15. 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.

Deadline: The petition of the NomCom may be open or closed at NomCom discretion; no committee members may be nominated. Names of nominees shall be posted on the Chapter website in October and published in the next Ventana.

Petition Candidates: the name of any chapter or group member proposed in writing by 25 members and who gives consent shall also be included on the ballot. The petition must be postmarked or delivered to the Election Chair by October 1. 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.

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