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Elkhorn Slough: North Lagoon by local artist Ann Thiermann is one of the paintings that will be on display at the May 20 Sierra Club Potluck and film night. See the calendar listing on p. 6 for details.

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Sprawl or Smart Growth?

When Monterey County Voters go to the polls June 5 to choose a General Plan, their choice will determine the future of Monterey County and will impact your daily lives.

Please vote *for* Measure A, the Community General Plan Initiative (CGPI) and vote *against* Measure C, the 2006 Monterey County General Plan (GPU4).

The General Plan is the land-use blueprint Monterey County will follow for the next two decades. There is little in our lives left untouched by how we, as a society, use land. The adequacy of our roads, sewer and water systems; the quality of our schools, healthcare, libraries and parks; the sufficiency of police, fire and emergency services; the protection of our natural and cultural resources—all depend upon the wisdom and care with which we use land.

The debate over what is wise and what is wasteful has raged in Monterey County since 1999. Community groups, Ventana Chapter among them, advocated for policies to solve, not worsen, existing problems and to avoid creating new ones.

Arrayed against the community coalition are pro-development forces. Their initial stance, “we own the land and can do whatever we want with it,” was followed by, “the only way to fix existing problems is to keep doing *more, much more* of the same thing.”

Nearly six years of public involvement produced three General Plan versions at a cost of \$6 million. Bowing to pro-development pressures, the majority of Super-

visors scrapped the third General Plan version (GPU3) and gave the order to start over in 2004.

The result is the “sprawl-now-pay-later” General Plan adopted in late 2006 (GPU4).

However, GPU4 isn’t unchallenged on the ballot. A coalition of 18 community organizations, including the Ventana Chapter, drafted and qualified the Community General Plan Initiative (CGPI), a strong set of core land-use policies.

The Community General Plan Initiative would 1) limit rural subdivision, 2) focus rural growth and infrastructure investment into five existing rural communities, 3) require sustainable water supplies and adequate roads before or concurrent with new development, 4) in-

crease the percentage of affordable housing that must be built with new development from 20% to 30%, and 5) require a countywide vote for any change to these basic tenets.

This edition of *The Ventana* focuses on the Monterey County General Plan debate because it is pivotal to the future of Monterey County and the Monterey Bay region. The time is now. We need your help in the campaign. We need your vote for Measure A, the Community General Plan Initiative, and against Measure C, the 2006 Monterey County General Plan.

—Rita Dalessio

Please see additional articles on pp. 5, 8, and 9 for more information on the Monterey County General Plan.



FROM THE EDITOR

Heavy-metal fever

I was astonished by the selection of fever thermometers at my local drugstore. It had been a long time since I had purchased a thermometer, and I discovered that times had changed.

There were no mercury thermometers. Have they been outlawed in California or have the manufacturers seen the handwriting on the wall? I know that the sale of mercury fever thermometers has been banned in several other states. Maybe that was enough to change the market.

Most of the models in the thermometer display were digital. There were ones with lighted readouts, ones with memory recalls, smaller-sized ones designed to fit children’s mouths, and thermometers that read out in both Fahrenheit and Celsius. There were non-invasive models that one could use by simply touching the tip to someone’s temple. These could be used without waking a sleeping patient.

One, encased in a pacifier, was hailed as “baby-friendly”; another worked by sticking the tip in an ear. Most beeped when they were ready to use. There was even a musical SpongeBob thermometer!

Several had automatic shutoffs to conserve the battery. Aaah, the battery. The

common denominator for almost all of the thermometers was that they were battery-operated. And that complicated my shopping.

What was in those batteries? Some of the larger models used two AAA alkaline batteries. Most of the smaller thermometers used button-cell batteries. All of the batteries contained one or more heavy metals depending on the battery type (not listed on the package). What was inside? Lead? Cadmium? Nickel? Mercury? (banned from alkaline batteries, but not button-cell). Lithium?

If these batteries are not disposed of properly, the toxic metals can leach into water supplies or if burned, pollute the air. In our well-intentioned move to reduce mercury exposure to children and others, we have increased the potential exposure to other dangers.

In the end, I purchased a simple non-electronic thermometer. It was the only non-digital selection. It was filled with a patented, non-toxic substitute for mercury. (Likely alcohol based).

All in all, it was a complicated shopping trip. It’s not easy being green.

—Debbie Bulger

We need your help to pass Measure A

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—The Ventana staff



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Recycle your plastic bags

Many of us, planet minders, religiously recycle all our paper, cardboard, glass, and tin cans. Some people, however, are not aware that plastic shopping bags, ziplock bags, plastic wrapping, shrink wrap, and plastic packing materials can also be put in a plastic bag and tossed in with the rest of the recycling in the city of Santa Cruz. It's amazing how much room in the landfill all that takes up and how good it feels to dump a bag o' bags into the recycling cart once in a while!

—Brenda Barcelo
Santa Cruz



Those recruiters are not from the local Sierra Club

In response to the many calls from Santa Cruz County residents who have been contacted after dark by individuals claiming to work for the Sierra Club, please note:

The Sierra Club national office contracts with Environment California (formerly CalPIRG) to recruit new Sierra Club members in California. CalPIRG recruits door-to-door solicitors through ads in the local newspapers and in college papers. Regrettably, these canvassers do not work with the local Group or Chapter, so we have no input as to hours of solicitation, choice of neighborhoods or other issues.

We regret any inconvenience experienced by any residents as a result of the behavior of the canvassers. We have forwarded all complaints to the National office, however, to date we have not received satisfactory responses.

—Aldo Giacchino, Executive Committee Chair, Santa Cruz Group, Sierra Club

Correction

Lois Robin is a member of the Club's Pajaro River Committee. Her name was inadvertently omitted from the list of committee members in our last issue.

Volunteers fight water pollution



Volunteers test water quality in Harkins Slough. From left to right: Celia Scott, Gail Olson and David Griese.

Debi Chirco-Macdonald

In the springtime flowers bloom, trees leaf out, and thousands of volunteers flock to the California Coast for what is called Snapshot Day. Armed not with cameras but with water testing kits, these busy investigators collect water samples and monitor water quality to assess the health of our streams.

Saturday, May 5 will be the 8th annual water quality monitoring event in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary sponsored by the Coastal Watershed Council and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Citizen Watershed Monitoring Network.

According to a National Resources De-

fense Council study, Santa Cruz County ranked tenth in beach closings/advisories for 2005 with 51. (Los Angeles County led the list with 2213).

Water pollution not only threatens wildlife, but also the health of human beachgoers, surfers, and children playing in the sand. The bacteria, pesticides, toxic metals, and trash that flow to the Bay from our roads, parking lots and lawns through storm drains are the single largest source of pollution.

Monitoring our waterways is critical to collecting evidence necessary for the legal and social changes needed to curb this pol-

lution. If you would like to help monitor water quality, attend one of the training dates listed below:

Santa Cruz: Saturday, April 21, 9:30-12:30 p.m., Natural Bridges State Park Interpretive Center. Contact Debi Chirco-Macdonald, Coastal Watershed Council, volunteer@coastalws.org or at 464-9200.

Monterey: Saturday, April 28, 9:30-12:30 p.m., Watershed Institute, Bldg. 42 on 6th Ave. @ B St. CSUMB. Contact Bridget Hoover, Monterey Bay Sanctuary Citizen Monitoring Network, 883-9303, bhoover@monitoringnetwork.org.

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How we reduced our carbon footprint

by Kay Spencer

After watching Al Gore's film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, my family became committed to reducing our carbon footprint. The reality is that we are whittling away, not drastically changing. However, without moving to town or investing thousands of dollars in a photovoltaic array, we have made a substantial difference in our cumulative impact on our planet.

Like most Sierra Club members, we were already atypical Americans in some things: we had a subcompact car, washed out and re-used our plastic bags, and bought organic groceries most of the time. But looking specifically at carbon made it clear that we could change simple things to make a difference right this minute.

We divided the challenge into five parts and looked at each part separately: Transportation, Home heating (outside Santa Cruz, this would also include home cooling), Stuff you plug into the wall, Hot water, Shopping.

Transportation

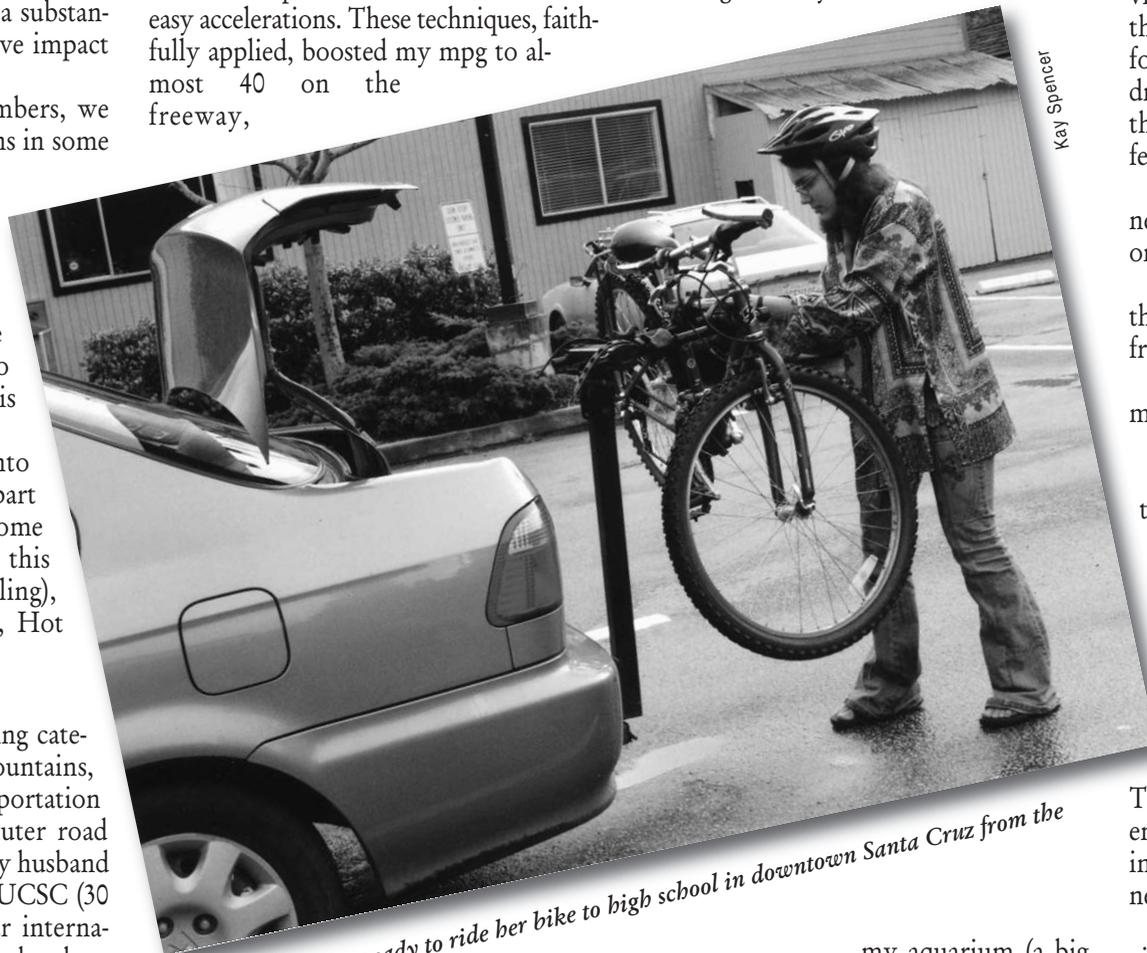
This was the most challenging category for us. We live in the mountains, where there is no public transportation at all, off a high-speed commuter road which is awful for bicycling. My husband commutes five days a week to UCSC (30 mile round trip), takes regular international business trips, and my daughter goes to a private high school in downtown Santa Cruz (20 mile round trip). I work from home, but have a hobby (herding sheep), which requires driving very long distances to lessons and to other people's farms for practice. This situation seemed insurmountable at first.

What we do now is complex, but it works: My husband and daughter put their bikes on a car rack and drive down to a commuter carpool lot in Soquel, from which they bicycle to work and school every day. I pick up my daughter and her bike in Soquel in the afternoon, my husband bikes back to his own car in the evening and drives home. We cut 30 miles a day from our collective family car commute. Additional benefits: completely skip all Santa Cruz traffic congestion,

healthy exercise, and a feeling of virtuousness. We are not a particularly athletic family, by the way—just determined.

I made some severe changes to my discretionary driving, and cut out about 1,500 miles a month. When I drive my Honda Civic, I never go over 55 mph. I coast to stops and concentrate on slow easy accelerations. These techniques, faithfully applied, boosted my mpg to almost 40 on the freeway,

burner. However, we changed all our lights to compact fluorescents, and I became fanatical about keeping them turned off when not needed. We also turn off the computers at their power strips. Computers and most other electronics suck power all the time, not just when they are "on." I gave away



Maia Spenser gets ready to ride her bike to high school in downtown Santa Cruz from the commuter lot in Soquel.

comparable to the hybrid we can't afford. I also began using a bike for all my local errands (still driving into Soquel Village and parking my car).

The biggest carbon impact we haven't figured out how to address are the trips my husband must make to Europe. But he is committed to reducing the number if he can't eliminate them entirely right now.

Home heating

This was much easier. Living in the mountains, we have always heated with firewood, usually scavenged from fallen trees. Burning wood does not have much carbon impact, because wood will decay and release its carbon within a few years anyway. This doesn't mean you shouldn't make sure you have an EPA-certified modern stove, much more efficient and less polluting than the old ones. If you are burning fossil fuels, it is even more important to seal windows, insulate attics, lower your thermostat, and close off rooms you aren't using.

Stuff you plug in

For Americans, we have very few appliances. We don't even have a toaster, we use a little metal box that sits on a stove

my aquarium (a big electricity drain), and we cut our electricity consumption to about six kilowatt hours a day.

Hot water

We started washing our clothes in cold water, and hanging them out to dry. Do the clothes look dirtier? Not particularly. If you don't like the stiffness some fabrics acquire when air dried, you can always stick them in the dryer on fluff for a few minutes. This works better before you

hang them out rather than after. Our next move is to build a simple solar shower outdoors, for summer at least, because baths and showers are now the biggest users of our propane.

Shopping

Almost everything we buy comes to us via motorized transport, typically from thousands of miles away. Even organic food has been grown using fossil-fuel-driven machinery. How could we affect this at the home level? Well, there are a few obvious ways:

1. Don't buy it. Borrow from your neighbor, do without, or repair the old one.
2. Buy used (craigslist.com is great for this). Or find it used for free on our local freecycle.com.
3. Buy locally—patronize your farmer's markets.
4. Grow or make your own.

Remember this isn't about thrift, although it is also thrifty. We try to keep in mind that every time we buy something new, it has a significant carbon impact. My grandmother, who lived much of her life on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, once approvingly quoted another farmer who had survived the Great Depression: "We didn't live on income, but on lack of expense."

This mode of thought is so alien to present-day Americans that it requires looking at virtually everything you do with new eyes.

In this process, I find I often have to give up instant gratification, and I can no longer disregard natural cycles. I have to remember to hang clothes out in the morning so they'll be dry in the evening, cut firewood in the summer so it will be cured for the winter, plant cabbage in winter for next spring. Old skills such as repairing hand tools, laying a fire, making bread, darning a sweater, have started to become basic life habits. I believe this is the path of the future, if we are to have one.

Locals join actions to get Congress to cut the carbon

On Saturday, April 14, people all over the United States will come together to tell Congress to "Step it up. Cut carbon 80% by 2050." They will be participating in a National Day of Climate Action, a grassroots effort stated by author Bill McKibben and co-sponsored by the Sierra Club and dozens of other environmental organizations. At press time, 955 actions had been organized nationwide with 114 of those in California. For more information visit stepitup2007.org.

Local events will be held in Monterey, Pacific Grove, Santa Cruz, and on the UCSC Campus:

Monterey: Car Free Day. Pledge to

be car free all day. Photo to be taken of car-free people at Window on the Bay Park 3-4 p.m.

Monterey: Beach Cleanup. Rally, Music, Speakers. Window on the Bay Park. 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

Pacific Grove: Beach Cleanup. Asilomar State Beach. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Santa Cruz: Merrill College, UCSC. Food, Music, Information. Photo taken of participants. Showing of *An Inconvenient Truth*. 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz: Live music, information. Speakers include Mayor Emily Reilly and Tommaso Boggia from UCSC. Duck Stage at San Lorenzo Park, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Thank you!

If Measure C passes, get ready for gridlock and water scarcity

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires government agencies to analyze the impacts of government decisions on the built environment as well as the natural environment. To understand the full impact of Monterey County's 2006 General Plan (GPU4) and the broad opposition to this plan, we must examine current conditions in Monterey County. In short, we're in trouble. Our water sources are over-pumped; our roads are in disrepair and congested. The proposed GPU4 (Measure C) could push the infrastructure over the brink.

Water

Groundwater pumped from over-drafted aquifers is the only water source for most Monterey County residents and businesses. In all three major watersheds, well levels are declining; contaminant concentrations are increasing; seawater intrusion is advancing.

In the Salinas Basin, the Salinas Valley Water Project is underfunded and has not received final federal permits. Its projected benefits are considered "indirect and uncertain" even by proponents. Its price tag in 2001 was estimated at \$16 million, and although it has not yet been built, the planned water project has been used to rationalize further subdivision throughout the Salinas Valley. According to the water project's own EIR, by 2030, an additional distribution system will be required at a cost of \$42 million. This is a 2001 cost estimate and does not include cost of mitigation or on-going operations.

Since 1995, California American Water has been under a court order to reduce pumping of the Carmel River aquifer by 10,000 acre-feet per year. Despite the order, subdivision within the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has continued. The estimated cost to build a desalination plant in Moss Landing to replace water illegally pumped from the Carmel River aquifer is \$200 million.

The management plan to bring the Pajaro Valley basin into balance has been partially implemented. However, the planned, but un-funded import pipeline from the Central Valley is estimated to cost \$87 million. Flood control in the Pajaro River watershed is estimated by the Army Corps of Engineers to cost \$220 million.

Roads

Repair and maintenance deficiencies on existing Monterey County roads total more than \$200 million. In addition to repair and maintenance deficiencies, in Monterey County the flow of traffic, known as level of service (LOS), have declined, as growth has outstripped road improvements. To bring existing conditions

GPU4, new development would not be required to mitigate traffic impacts until it dragged level of service down below LOS D. The current standard that requires mitigation is LOS C.

Moreover, neither projects nor funding mechanisms have been identified to provide water for GPU4's level of growth.

In a county with a population of about 420,000, the cost of solving existing water and traffic problems for present residents is staggering. Encouraging growth far beyond what is required to meet projected population needs is both irresponsible and unacceptable.

Vote NO on Measure C, the 2006 Monterey County General Plan.

For more information visit www.montereyplan.org.

Under GPU4 the number of road segments operating at level of service E (near gridlock) and level of service F (gridlock) would more than double.

up to LOS C (average 45mph, susceptible to congestion), the estimated cost would total \$3.2 billion. Meeting a LOS D standard (average 40mph, unstable traffic flow) would cost \$280 million. The Transportation Agency of Monterey County has identified only \$67 million as being available for these projects.

GPU4 would allow twice the growth

Based on population growth projections, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) forecasts a need, during the next 25 years, for 8,900 new homes in rural Monterey County. GPU4 would allow more than twice that level of growth, with more than 21,000 new homes scattered throughout 56 rural areas.

Measure C would increase traffic by 231,000 - 273,400 vehicle trips per day—a 52% to 61% increase. The number of road segments operating at level of service E (near gridlock) and level of service F (gridlock) would more than double. Under

Measure C would be bad for the kit fox

The excessive and scattered growth allowed under Measure C would further endanger the San Joaquin kit fox, a species listed as endangered for 30 years, primarily because of loss of habitat. Many other special status animal and plant species would suffer losses if Measure C were to pass.



US Fish & Wildlife

The San Joaquin kit fox is the smallest member of the dog family in North America, stands only 9-12 inches high, and weighs about 5 pounds. It was listed as endangered by the State of California in 1971. Only 7000 are thought to be left. Only 7% of their original habitat remains. Kit foxes eat small rodents, insects, ground-nesting birds and some plants, predominantly grass.

Males and females live together year round, but may not share the same den. After the 2-5 pups are born, the mother cares for the litter, and she and the pups are dependent on food the father brings. Sometimes an older female pup stays longer and helps her mother raise the next litter.

Kit foxes use multiple dens, switching location every few days to avoid predators such as coyotes, dogs, and golden eagles. One fox was tracked to 70 different dens during a two-year study. Other causes of death are motor vehicles, suffocation when grading equipment and bulldozers collapse their dens, poisons meant for rats and other rodents (sometimes ingested by eating a poisoned rodent), and starvation when their hunting grounds are converted to agriculture or development.

Although kit foxes can live up to seven years in the wild, 75% of them don't survive to adulthood.

The Well-Informed Voter

- Find the Community General Plan Initiative (CGPI) online at www.montereyplan.org
- Find the 2006 Monterey County General Plan (GPU4) at www.co.monterey.ca.us/pbi/gpu/draftJan2007/defaultJan.html
- Find the League of Women Voters side-by-side comparison of CGPI and GPU4, including Spanish translation, at <http://www.lwvmp.org/GPcomps.html> or <http://sv.ca.lwvnet.org/elections.html>

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National Day of Climate Action
Join people all over the United States in telling Congress to cut carbon emissions 80% by 2050. Chances to participate in Monterey, Pacific Grove and Santa Cruz. See article p. 4. More details at stepitup2007.org. Co-sponsored by Sierra Club and dozens of other environmental organizations.

Sunday, May 20

Environmental Films, Vegetarian Potluck, Art
View three environmental films: *Hurricanes on the Brink*, *Wind over Water*, and *Native Wind*. Landscapes by Ann Thiermann, Boris Tyomkin, Erika Perloff, and Karen Kaplan. Original songs by Peter Weiss. Everyone welcome. FREE. Bring vegetarian food to share and your non-disposable plate, cup, serving utensils, and cutlery. Potluck starts at 6:00 p.m.; program at 7:30. Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. For more info call Karen Kaplan after 11:00 a.m., 335-3342.

Friday - Sunday, June 8-10

Outings Leaders Workshop
For new and experienced outings leaders. Enhance leadership and group management skills. Interactive modules on emergency response, interpersonal leadership skills and more. Held at Clair Tappaan Lodge near Donner Summit. \$45 cost covers dinner on Friday, bunk lodging, materials, raffle entry, and Outings T-shirt. Friday dinner is at 6 p.m. Program starts Friday at 7:30 p.m. sharp. To register visit www.sierraclub.org/outings/training or by phone at 415-977-5588. For questions contact the Club Activities Training Manager at outings.training@sierraclub.org or 415-977-5711.



Spring & Summer, 2007

Channel Island Cruises
Visit the Channel Islands. Four- and five-day cruises. These trips are fundraisers to benefit Sierra Club political programs in California. Cost for 4-day is \$775. Cost for

5-day is \$925. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara. To make a reservation send \$100 check made out to "Sierra Club" to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more info contact Joan at jholtzhl@aol.com, 626-443-0706. Website: www.truthaquatics.com/hiking.htm.

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Wednesday - Saturday, April 11-14

EarthVision Film Festival
See award-winning environmental films about oceans, endangered species, alternative energy, and more. April 11-12 Del Mar Theater, Santa Cruz; April 13-14 Santa Cruz Veterans Hall. Matinees and evenings. See www.earthvisionfest.org for full schedule. Sliding scale admission.

Second and Fourth Saturdays

Habitat restoration - Watsonville
Sponsored by Watsonville Wetlands Watch. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meet at the Fitz Wetlands Educational Resource Center located at Pajaro Valley High School in Watsonville. Gloves, tools, and snack provided. Call Jonathan Pilch, 728-4106 for more info. No experience necessary.

Saturday, April 14

Earth Day Cleanup
Help clean up and restore Locke-Paddon Park located between Canyon del Rey & Reservations Rds. in Marina. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Native plant hike and FREE BBQ. Sponsored by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park district & Marina and Cultural Service Dept. For more info call Debbie Wyatt, 372-3196 x 3.

FREE Composting Workshops

Learn how to make organic fertilizer in your own backyard! In this 2-hour workshop Master Composters will teach you how to compost food scraps and garden clippings. Backyard compost bins will be available at the workshop at a \$20 discount for qualifying Santa Cruz County residents who register in advance. Call the Rotline for details: 423-HEAP (4327). All workshops below are from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday, April 20-21

Climate Change films/discussion
Hear expert speakers and view films dealing with Climate Change including the imaginative 9-minute film *Turtle World*. Sponsored by the Monterey Bay Chapter of the United Nations Association of the USA. Golden State Theatre, Alvarado St., Monterey. 7:00 p.m. Admission \$10/evening. FREE with student ID. For more info see www.unamontereybay.org.

Sat., Apr. 21, Live Oak Grange Compost Demo Site, 1900 17th Ave, Santa Cruz
Sat., May 12, Cabrillo College Horticulture Ctr., 6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos
Sat., Jun. 23, Master Gardeners Faire, Sky-park, 361 Kings Village Rd., Scotts Valley

Saturdays

Habitat restoration sponsored by California Native Plant Society
Volunteer to restore native habitat in State Parks in Santa Cruz Co. Wear layered work clothes. 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. website: www.cruzcnps.org.

FREE Wormshops

Learn how worms can eat your food scraps and make beautiful compost for your garden. FREE workshop for Santa Cruz County residents. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Optional worm bin, \$20. Call to reserve worm bin. Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. Call Karin Grobe, 427-3452.
Saturday, Apr. 21, Wilder Ranch Park, 2 miles north of Santa Cruz on Hwy. 1.
Saturday, May 26, Cabrillo College Horticulture Ctr., Demonstration Classroom 5110, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos.
Saturday, Jun. 23, Scarborough Gardens, 33 El Pueblo Rd, Scotts Valley.

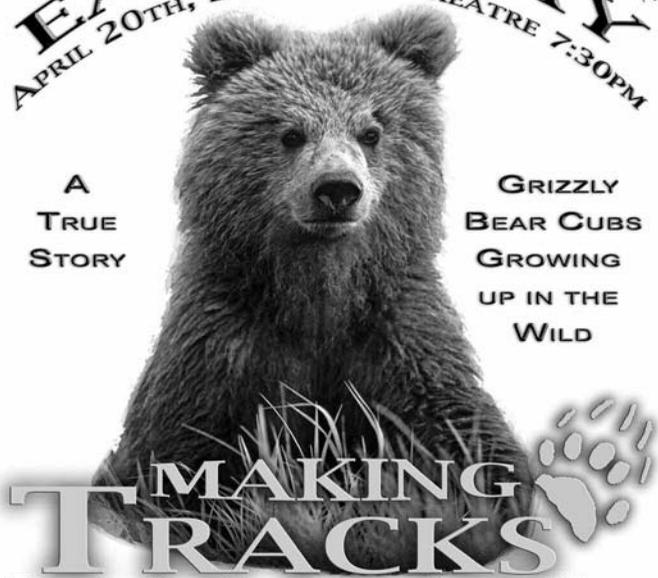
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Saturday, May 12

Train and Bike Ride

10:00 a.m., Santa Cruz Train Depot Park, (101 Washington St. two blocks from the Wharf). Bring your bike on the train to Felton for a fun group ride back down to Santa Cruz along scenic Highway 9. Roundtrip train ride available for those unable to cycle back. Helmet required. Fee for train tickets. Co-presented with People Power and Friends of the Rail Trail.

Monday, May 14

Global Warming / Cooling Solutions Panel

6:00 p.m. @ Loudon Nelson Community Center Auditorium (301 Center St. @ Laurel St.). Michele Whizin, who was recently trained as a presenter of the Inconvenient Truth slide show by Al Gore, will



give a free lecture and slide show on global warming. Panel discussion of local solutions to follow. Valet bike parking.

Thursday, May 17

Bike to Work/School Day

6:30-9:30 a.m. FREE breakfast for cyclists at sites around Santa Cruz County as well as free massages by Cypress Health Institute and bike maintenance by local bike shops at most sites. See website for listing of breakfast sites. Win \$1,000! Enter the Clean Air Month drawing by filling out a Bike to Work Day Breakfast site survey.

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Sunday, May 13

Steinbeck Old Town Criterium

Bike Racing in Salinas. West Alisal and Salinas Streets. For more information contact Eric Petersen, 757-RACE (7223). 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15

Bike vs. Car Challenge

Cycle from Natividad Plaza Shopping Center to Star Center in Salinas. Contact James Serrano, 758-7195. 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16

Ride of Silence

Cyclists will take to the roads in silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. 7:00 p.m. Seaside City Hall, 440 Harcourt Ave., Seaside.

Thursday, May 17

Bike to Work/ School Day

Free breakfasts for cyclists at participating schools and work sites.



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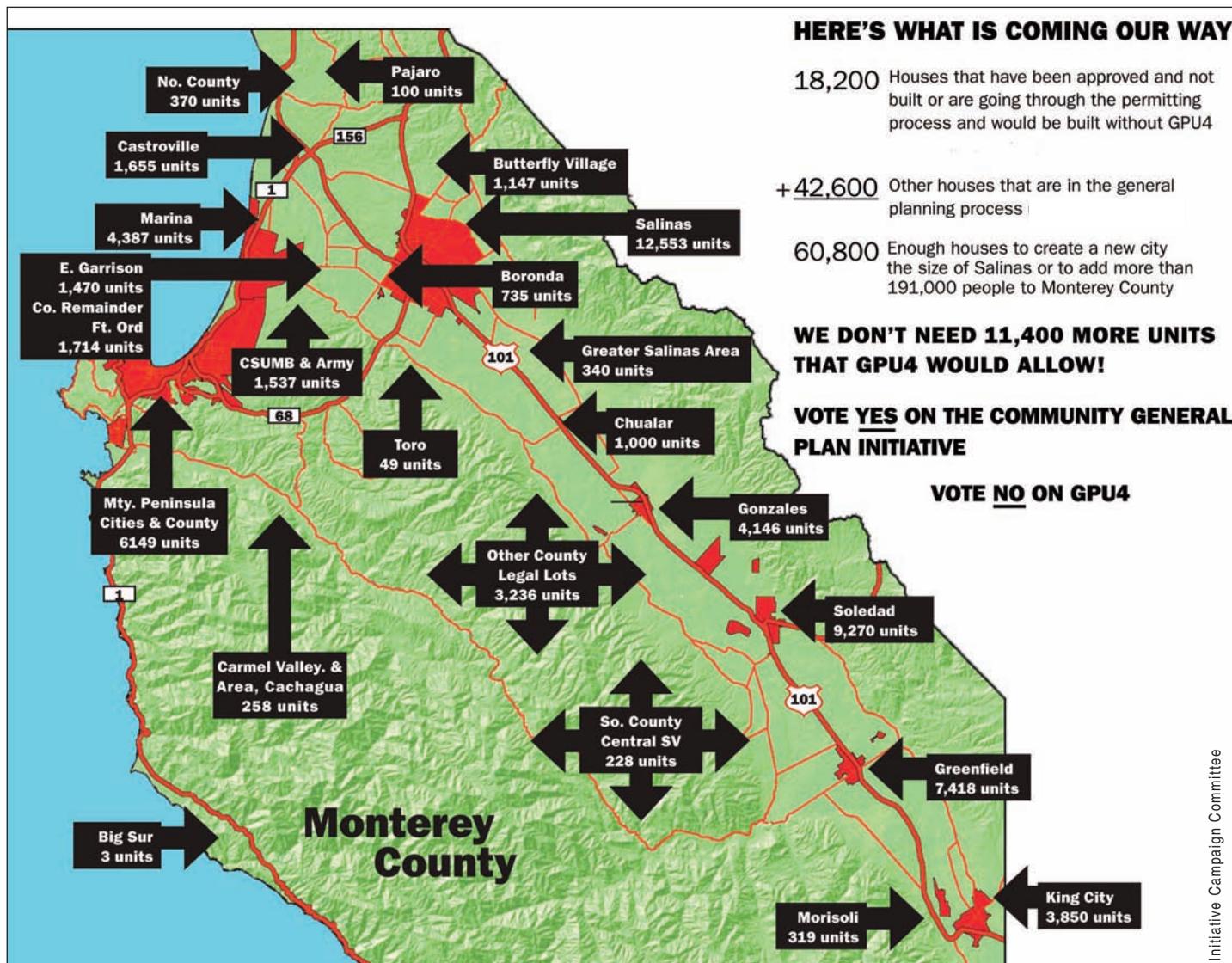
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The problems with the Supervisors' Plan (Measure C)



Suburban subdivisions continue to expand across prime farmland, and rural subdivisions creep up steep slopes.

Anyone who has hiked a trail in Monterey County, or driven any one of its many scenic roads, knows the soul-satisfying abundance of this place. There's a scientific reason: Monterey County is one of the ecologically richest areas along California's Central Coast. It is part of a multi-county region recognized worldwide for its ecological significance. Our ecoregion is considered a Mediterranean habitat, which is limited to five regions worldwide. Mediterranean habitats cover only 2% of the earth's surface but support 20% of its plant diversity.

The Central Coast is identified as a biodiversity hotspot by several conservation organizations including the World Wildlife Fund, Conservation International, and The Nature Conservancy. A "biodiversity hotspot" is a region that supports a high number of imperiled species, many of which occur nowhere else in the world.

Monterey County is comprised of every type of California ecosystem except the alpine ecosystem. Critical expanses of its territory remain undeveloped and connected to wilderness areas by wildlife corridors. But that has been changing rapidly. Where scientists and conservationists see opportunity to protect a large and critical piece of one of the rarest ecoregions on earth, development interests see wide-open opportunity for profit.

Monterey County has undergone significant land use changes in the past couple of decades. Its ranches, farms and oak woodlands are being converted rapidly to vineyards and rural subdivisions. From 1991 to 2001, vineyard acreage almost doubled from 21,000 acres to 38,000 acres. Suburban subdivisions continue to expand across prime farmland, and rural subdivisions creep up steep slopes.

Expansion of services to support this urbanization creates problems of its own. Transportation corridors convert farmland, create incompatible uses, fragment habitat and provide thoroughfares for the spread of invasive, non-native species. Development diverts surface water; overdevelopment over-drafts groundwater. Dams, levees, waste-water treatment systems, and fire management systems all take their toll on habitat.

Despite the breakneck expansion of vineyards in Monterey County, Monterey County Vintners and Growers deemed the County's level of environmental review "onerous" and unnecessarily time-consuming. They lobbied successfully for a Winery Corridor Plan to be included in the County's 2006 General Plan (GPU4/Measure C). Their plan, which received only cursory environmental review under the EIR, would allow wineries and many "visitor-serving uses" to be approved in the future with

nothing more than an administrative permit. This diminished level of environmental review was extended exclusively to the wine industry. Objectors were accused of being "anti-business."

According to California's Department of Finance, by 2050, Monterey County's population is expected to expand by 250,000 people, a 62% increase. Population growth is considered by many experts to be the single greatest threat to California's quality of life, including the health of its natural areas.

Unfortunately, GPU4 calls for rural growth that is twice the growth projected by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, our regional planning agency. This rural growth, taken together with the growth planned in the County's cities, means we will nearly reach Monterey County's 2050 population benchmark by the year 2026. Such aggressive growth will cut in half our time to protect this critical piece of the Central Coast Ecoregion.

Instead of focusing infrastructure investment and growth in already urbanized rural communities, GPU4 scatters it throughout Monterey County in 7 Community Areas, 9 Rural Centers, 16 Special Treatment Areas, 8 Study Areas and 16 Property Owner Requests (zoning changes specially granted to 16 property owners).

GPU4 calls for twice as much housing

as necessary and will cost us 4900 acres of productive crop land. It also contains more than 500 million square feet of undeveloped office, retail and industrial land—enough to accommodate 2500 Walmarts.

Additional problems for habitat conservation in GPU4 / Measure C:

GPU4 relaxes current prohibitions against converting steep slopes to cultivation. Instead it proposes to develop a permitting system that would allow conversion of slopes of any steepness. In Monterey County, 505,000 acres of private land are on slopes greater than 25%. Direct impacts to wildlife are potentially huge. Indirect impacts, such as degradation of water quality caused by erosion and sedimentation, could be worse. Neither was adequately analyzed by GPU4's Environmental Impact Report.

GPU4 eliminates the existing overarching tree protection ordinance and replaces it with a policy that directs each county planning area to develop its own. No timeframe or criteria are provided. There is no mandatory collaboration among planning areas to protect wildlife corridors that extend beyond planning area boundaries.

GPU4 includes a greatly expanded list of so-called "routine and on-going" agricultural practices, many of which have nothing to do with agriculture and everything to do with industrial development. Activities defined as "routine" or "on-going agriculture" would be allowed without a permit.

GPU4 focuses its very limited protection policies on specific threatened and endangered species but does not address or generally protect the habitats upon which these species depend. Furthermore, GPU4 shifts responsibility for environmental review of impacts to special status species to the state and federal agencies that protect them. The County justifies this as a cost-saving measure, but the fact is that environmental analysis will be diminished by shifting responsibility to non-local, understaffed and under-funded state and federal agencies. Development attorneys have lobbied relentlessly for this change.

GPU4 policies are written using unenforceable language. Actions are "encouraged," "discouraged," "strongly encouraged," "promoted," and "considered." Most actions are to be accomplished "to the extent feasible."

Since the beginning of the General Plan update process in 1999, the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club has advocated policies that would improve habitat protections contained in the 1982 General Plan. GPU4 is open season on everything Sierra Club values.

**Vote yes on Measure A.
Vote no on Measure C.**

Measure A stops sprawl and builds affordable housing

Vote YES on Measure A.

Vote NO on Measure C.



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Measure A was identified by Monterey County's own Environmental Impact Report as the Environmentally Superior Alternative.

Where scientists and conservationists see opportunity to protect a large and critical piece of one of the rarest ecoregions on earth, development interests see wide-open opportunity for profit.

by Julie Engell

Monterey County can go the way of Los Angeles County or we can adopt land use policies that protect our environment by developing within existing communities to eliminate sprawl. Voters will decide on June 5.

Measure C, favored by developers and the Supervisors, would result in sprawl, traffic gridlock, water scarcity, and loss of endangered species.

Measure A, placed on the ballot by over 16,000 voters' signatures, institutes policies for sound land use.

Vote for Measure A on June 5

Measure A would limit rural subdivision. Residential subdivisions and commercial and industrial subdivisions would not be allowed outside of five existing rural communities. However, to protect the economic viability of agriculture, subdivision of farmland would be allowed as long as all subdivided parcels remained in permanent agricultural use. Furthermore, any use currently allowed on agricultural land, including housing for owner, caretaker and farm workers, would continue to be allowed. Development on existing lots of record would continue. This would include existing land zoned for residential, commercial and industrial uses.

Measure A would focus rural growth

into five existing rural communities.

Communities should grow where existing roads, water, and sewer systems can be economically expanded and where the communities would benefit economically from growth and infrastructure investment. The five Community Areas in Measure A are Pajaro, Boronda, Fort Ord, Castroville and Chualar.

Measure A would not hamper growth or expansion of Monterey County's incorporated towns and cities. Expansion through annexation could still occur.

By clearly defining where growth will occur and where growth will not occur, Measure A avoids most direct and indirect impacts to important habitat areas.

Measure A would require sustainable water supplies and adequate roads before or concurrent with new development. This would put an end to the current practice of development without adequate water or road improvements.

Measure A would increase the percentage of affordable housing that must be built with new development from 20% to 30%. Furthermore, the housing would have to remain permanently affordable for average and below-average wage earners. Local workers would be first in line for this housing. By increasing the percentage of housing built for fami-

lies that actually work and live in Monterey County, by keeping it permanently affordable for local working families, the unmet need for affordable housing would narrow over time.

Finally, Measure A would require a county-wide vote for any change to these basic tenets. More than seven years of participation in the General Plan process has taught the public that it wants a direct say in major development in Monterey County. Most land use decisions would still be up to elected Supervisors, but the initiative's fundamental policies would not change until the community decided they should change.

The Community General Plan Initiative (Measure A) avoids most of the significant adverse environmental impacts

associated with the 2006 General Plan recently adopted by the majority of Supervisors. In fact, *Measure A was identified by Monterey County's own Environmental Impact Report as the Environmentally Superior Alternative.* In the environmental analysis, the initiative was compared to the 2006 General Plan (GPU4), the current 1982 General Plan and GPU3. Of the four alternatives, the Community General Plan Initiative was the best alternative because it avoided most of the impacts caused by the other plans and significantly lessened the rest. The Supervisors' 2006 General Plan (Measure C) was the most damaging alternative.

Please help us win at the polls on June 5. Volunteer for the campaign at www.montereyplan.org.



EarthVision Film Festival opens April 11



One of the last remaining Bald Ibises from the Italian film, Ahmed and the Return of the Arab Phoenix. Director and Producer Giuseppe Bucciarelli will introduce his film April 12.

The 9th EarthVision Environmental Film Festival opens Wednesday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m. in Santa Cruz. Venues include the Del Mar Theater and the Veteran's Hall in downtown Santa Cruz. Many of the filmmakers will be on hand to discuss their work and will be honored at a public awards celebration on Saturday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Films this year include *American Masters: Drawn from Nature*, a stunningly beautiful depiction of the life of John James Audubon; Sundance contender *Everything's Cool*, an entertaining reflection of our culture's response to global warming shown on April 11; and a fast-paced series of short films at the 4 o'clock showing on April 12.

For a complete program listing, visit www.earthvisionfest.org.



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NEWSCLIPS

Coastal parcel goes to Parks

The 20-acre former Piedras Blancas Resort in San Luis Obispo County, with a mile of coastal bluff and two beaches, became part of San Simeon State Park in late March. This key acquisition is seen as a major step in coastal conservation, preventing commercial development and coastal armoring in the middle of the new state park created from the Hearst Ranch. Transfer of the property to State Parks ensures that there will be no gap in the 18-mile Coastal Trail envisioned to run the length of the park. Restoration of native vegetation will be a priority.

Wilderness addition

Thanks to the Wilderness Land Trust with partnership funding provided by the Big Sur Land Trust, the 160-acre Horse Pasture property will be added to the Ventana Wilderness. Sellers were the late Robert Beck, Anna Beck of Carmel, and their son, Adam Beck of San Anselmo. The Beck family is the former owner of Tassajara Hot Springs.

The new wilderness addition is mostly chaparral with mixed oak-Coulter pine

forest with stands of endemic Santa Lucia fir tucked into rocky canyons that flank the meadows. The inholding was identified as a high priority conservation acquisition because of the potential threat of development as a wilderness retreat.

End Adventure Pass fees

Representative Peter DeFazio of Oregon wants to replace the recreation fee charged at National Forest parking such as Botcher's Gap with a small royalty on mining operations on federal lands. "Outside of parks or developed campsites . . . I don't believe we should charge fees to access public lands," says DeFazio, a member of the House Natural Resources Committee. As it stands now, hikers must pay \$5 for a walk in the woods, but a foreign-owned mining corporation can purchase a full acre of public land for \$2.50.

Club Energy Plan

Download the Sierra Club plan to deal with global warming at www.ases.org/climatechange/. Authored by the American Solar Energy Society, the report details how aggressive application of energy efficiency and use of renewables can achieve a dramatic reduction in U.S. global warming emissions by 2050. Fully three-quarters of this reduction can be achieved by technologies we have today without investing in environmentally irresponsible fuels such as nuclear or coal.

Club sues over kiln emissions

Sierra Club and others have filed a lawsuit against the EPA for failing to set standards for cement kiln mercury emissions which violate the Clean Air Act. Over six years ago the EPA was ordered to set standards by a federal court. Nationwide, approximately 118 cement kilns emit over 11,000 pounds of mercury each year making cement kilns one of the largest sources of mercury pollution.

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OUTINGS

OUTINGS 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 the riders. Carpool drivers are not agents or employees of the Sierra Club.

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 outing, 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 2000' 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:

Black Bear Diner Park & Ride: 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 Government Center: The large grey building at the corner of Ocean & Water in Santa Cruz. We meet at the corner of the parking lot nearest to the intersection.

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 Ave. exit and continue toward the ocean on 41st Ave. 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.

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.



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In the interest 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, ridesharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

APRIL

Wednesday, April 11

SENIOR WALK: POINT SUR LIGHT

Please note this walk is on a WEDNESDAY. This is a 2-hour+ docent-led tour of the only complete turn-of-the-century light station in Calif. open to the public. There is a 1/2 mi. walk from parking lot as well as stairs. Located 19 miles south of Rio Road in Carmel. \$8 entrance fee and a \$5 carpool fee. No food allowed on tour. Dress in layers. Bring lunch or buy at Rocky Point after the tour. SPECIAL MEETING TIME 8:15 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or the Black Bear Diner in Carmel at 9:15 a.m., or Hwy. 1 in front of the light station at 9:35 a.m. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 475-4185.

Saturday, April 14

HIKE: CONE PEAK TO MEMORIAL CG

This hike will require a car shuttle, so the leader needs to know how many people are coming one week in advance. Only 8 people per van, if we have a second van, 8 more. This unforgettable 16-mile hike with 2000' elevation gain requires stamina and endurance. We'll hike along the ever winding Arroyo Seco River. From Cone Peak our vistas will be San Antonio Lake, Nacimiento Lake, the Ocean and Fort Hunter Liggett. Wear hiking boots, dress in layers, bring plenty of food, water and \$ for carpool. For more info, call leader: Esperanza Hernandez 678-1968.

Saturday, April 14

HIKE: EL CORTE DE MADERA CREEK OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

A 9-mile loop hike starting from the entrance on Star Hill Road. We'll hike the El Corte De Madera Creek Trail 3.6 miles to the main entrance near Skegg's Point on Skyline Boulevard. From there we'll hike the Tafoni, Fir and Methusela Trails back. Along the Tafoni Trail we'll take a side trip to a large sandstone formation with shallow caves and honeycomb depressions reminiscent of outcroppings at Castle Rock State Park. Spectacular views to the sea along the ridge top. The canyons are filled with second-growth redwoods and Douglas fir. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch and \$6 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

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

Sunday, April 15

MOUNTAIN BIKING: FORT ORD

We'll explore the trails of the popular East Garrison area. Limited to 12 participants. Helmets mandatory. Bring water and a snack. We'll ride on dirt and some pavement. 3 hours. Meet at the parking lot of the East Garrison entrance at 9:00 a.m. Reserve a space with the leader, Henry Leinen at Hleinen@aol.com (preferred) or by phone 655-1948.

NOTICE

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

Sunday, April 15

HIKE: POGONIP

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

Tuesday, April 17

SENIOR HIKE: TORO PARK

We'll hike the Ollason Trail and hopefully see beautiful wildflowers. Three miles with one uphill section. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Toro Park at the next-to-last parking lot near the bathroom about 10:40 a.m. Bring water, lunch, sit-upon. Toro Park is off Hwy. 68 between Monterey and Salinas. \$4 carpool. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

Wednesday, April 18

HIKE & GARDEN TOUR: FILOLI ESTATE

Filoli, located 30 miles south of San Francisco on the eastern slope of the Coast Range is a 654-acre estate with 16 acres of formal gardens. Filoli was built in 1916 for Mr. and Mrs. Bourn, owners of the Empire gold mine in Grass Valley. Mr. Bourn was also owner of the Spring Valley Water Co. now known as Crystal Springs Lakes, part of the S. F. water department today. The gardens and grounds were enhanced by the Roths who bought the estate in 1937. The gardens have terraces, lawns, Celtic knot designs in hedge, pools, hundreds of roses, and rooms planned by Lurine Roth. Today the ingeniously-designed colorful gardens are maintained by 14 horticulturists, interns, and over 100 volunteers. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. to carpool (\$16 entrance to estate and carpool) or at 10:00 a.m. in the Filoli parking lot off Hwy. 280 to Edgewood Rd. and north on Canada Rd. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

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OUTINGS

Thursday, April 19

HIKE: GARZAS CANYON LOOP

Our 4-mile loop takes us up the Terrace Trail then through a secluded Redwood Cyn to Garzas Creek. We'll return by following the creek with its garden-like rock-lined pools and two bridged crossings. Wildflowers. 800' elevation gain. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride in Carmel at 10:00 a.m. or at the Garzas Cyn trailhead on E. Garzas Road at 10:20 a.m. Bring water and a snack or lunch. Call to confirm hike. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, April 20

HIKE: EWOLDSSEN TRAIL

Starting at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, we'll hike a 5-mile loop up fern-lined McWay Canyon, passing redwood groves to a viewpoint high above the ocean. Last time we saw California Condors. Steep trail but leisurely pace. After we'll take a short stroll along the scenic waterfall trail. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Black Bear Diner at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. \$8 parking fee at park; bring cash for your share. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427 or marydainton@juno.com.

Saturday, April 21

HIKE: LOWER PEBBLE BEACH

Enjoy spectacular ocean views and the Del Monte Forest on this 9-mile hike starting near Asilomar, then south along Spanish Bay to Bird

Rock. We then go east adjacent to Spyglass Hill and Poppy Hills Golf Course down thru S.F.B. Morse Reserve and out along the 17 Mile Drive. Bring water, lunch and wear boots. Meet in front of the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Dr. at Asilomar Ave. in Pacific Grove at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Stacy Smith, 625-5256.

Saturday, April 21

WALK: GARLAND RANCH

4-5 mile loop to enjoy wildflowers, up to the Mesa via Buckeye and Waterfall trails, down on different trails. Bring a snack and water. Meet at Albertson's to carpool at 9:00 a.m., or at the Garland Ranch parking lot at 9:20 a.m. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Sunday, April 22

WALK: MISSION TRAILS PRESERVE

In celebration of the recent victorious lawsuit which saved the Flanders Mansion and the surrounding parkland, we'll walk the trails in Mission Trails Nature Preserve in Carmel. Yes, we will walk in the footsteps of Father Serra, walk around the Mansion and through the Rowntree Native Plant Garden. It's only a few miles. Meet at 10:00 a.m. across from the Carmel Mission on Rio Road at the entrance to the Preserve. For out-of-towners, drive on Hwy. 1 to Rio Road, then west. Bring lunch and water, dress for the weather. For more info, call celebrating leader: Joyce Stevens, 624-3149.

Tuesday, April 24

SENIOR SAUNTER: LEVEE TO HARBOR

Casual walk along San Lorenzo River levee to museum on East Cliff for a short stopover then to the yacht harbor to Crow's Nest side. Bring lunch or buy lunch at one of the restaurants. Approx. 4.5 miles. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or Gateway Plaza on River St. at 9:50 a.m. Park by Ross's near levee. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Wednesday, April 25

HIKE: TORO COUNTY PARK

Spring is the best season to enjoy this park when temps are mild, wildflowers are in bloom (lupine), and songbirds are on the wing. We start the 9-mile hike on the Ollason Tr. and go along the shaded ravine which is usually lined with flowers. Then we'll make a moderate climb over scenic savanna and finally climb through chaparral to reach the top of Ollason Peak before we descend on the Toyon Loop Tr. to the East Ridge Tr. Some of the trail is rocky, but the views over the bay are worth it. Bring lunch and water. To carpool, meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. (\$4) or drive to the Toro Park Gate on Hwy. 68 and park just inside the gate to the right. Hike starts at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, April 26

HIKE: POINT LOBOS /GRAND LOOP

Point Lobos is the crown jewel of California's state park system. Our hike takes us along tree-clad headland trails with spectacular views where we are certain to see a variety of wildlife and wildflowers. 6 miles with very little elevation gain. Bring water, lunch and optional binoculars. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride in Carmel at 9:30 a.m. Call to confirm hike. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, April 28

HIKE: SIERRA AZUL

Another wildflower walk which might include a funny flower called a Pink and succulents. 6 miles and 1500' elevation gain. We'll carpool over Hwy. 17 to this Mid-Peninsula Open Space and walk on the asphalt road which the Air Force built to access Mt. Umunhum. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, April 28

HIKE: MAL PASO TO ROCKY RIDGE

There should be good wildflowers. We'll walk up Mal Paso Cyn a few miles, then ascend a sharp ridge back up to Dowd Peak for lunch. Back down Rocky Ridge (or Soberanes Cyn) to our car shuttle. Moderate 6 miles and 1000' elevation gain, at times very steep. Places are limited, so call for a reservation, meeting place, etc. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Saturday, April 28

HIKE: SOBRANES CYN/ROCKY RIDGE

6-mile loop through the canyon and up to the ridge. Very steep climb that leads to gorgeous panoramic views and hopefully lots of wildflowers. Bring hat, water, and lunch. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel at 10:00 a.m. Back around 3:00 p.m. Leader: Andrea Phelps, andrea_phelps@csumb.edu.

Sunday, April 29

HIKE: BLUFF CAMP

With the Big Sur Marathon down the coast, we'll stay in Carmel Valley. We'll drive up to Princess Camp in Cachagua, walk around the Los Padres Reservoir, and up the Carmel River to Bluff Camp. 9 miles roundtrip with 600' el-hike.

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elevation gain, partly in shaded areas at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and water, wear boots and a sun hat. Bathing suit for cooling down in the creek? Meet at Mid Valley Shopping Center near the Bank at 8:00 a.m. Please call to confirm. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

MAY

Wednesday, May 2

HIKE: POGONIP TO UPPER UCSC TRAILS

Tired of hiking the same old trails? Let's explore some of the trails that lead up to UCSC. We'll be going thru mixed evergreen forest and upland redwood forest as well as remnants of coastal terrace prairie. History is evidenced by lime kilns, the old clubhouse, a polo field, orchard, and cement pond. Springs bubble up along the Spring Trail. Up and down trails. 9 miles. Bring water and lunch. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. to carpool (\$1) or at the trailhead on Golf Club Drive off Hwy. 9 at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, May 3

HIKE: TORO PARK

This 5-mile hike with 800' elevation gain takes us through a forested valley floor along the Olason Trail to oak-dotted grasslands covered with wildflowers. Birds might include wild turkeys, acorn woodpeckers, hawks, robins, jays and even western bluebirds! We'll return on the Gilson Gap Ridge through oak groves and meadows with panoramic views. Meet at the 7 Eleven/Citgo at Hwy 68 & Canyon Del Rey in Del Rey Oaks at 9:30 a.m. or at Toro Park outside parking lot at 9:50 a.m. Bring water and a snack or lunch. Call to confirm hike. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, May 5

HIKE: WUNDERLICH COUNTY PARK

8-mile loop hike starting at the Woodside Rd. off La Honda Rd., east of Skyline Blvd. We'll hike in the mountains behind the horse stables on the old Folger coffee family estate on the Bear Gulch, Alambique, Meadow, Redwood and Madrone Trails in this 942-acre park. 1000' elevation gain. This is one of the most ecologically-diverse parks east of Skyline Blvd, with cool groves of 2nd-growth redwoods, open grassy meadows and nearly pure stands of Douglas fir. Along the trail we'll pass the Lonely Redwood Giant with its emerald reservoir—a popular hangout for newts. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Ctr. at 8:30 a.m., or Felton Fair at 8:50 a.m. Bring water, lunch and \$6 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Sunday, May 6

HIKE: FALL CREEK

Join me to explore this enchanted forest with redwoods, a lovely burbling stream full of cas-

cadés, a lime kiln, barrel mill, fish pond, and dancing springs. About 7 miles. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Felton Faire at 10:00 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Sheila Dunningway, 336-2325.

Sunday, May 6

HIKE: BIG BASIN TO THE SEA

This 15-mile hike will start at Park Headquarters and end at beautiful and windy Waddell Beach. We'll see the most majestic redwoods in the state and enjoy the spectacular and breathtaking waterfalls. Monterey area people call leader for carpool. Bring water, food and \$1.50 x 2 for bus. Meet at the Santa Cruz Metro Station at 8:00 a.m. For more information call leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Tuesday, May 8

SENIOR SAUNTER: BEAN HOLLOW / PIGEON POINT

A blooming paradise in this flat 2-mile trail south of Pescadero. I have counted over 25 species of coastal wildflowers and a few non-natives on this low coastal bluff. Additional options include a visit to Pigeon Point Light or a short hike up to a telescope. Restrooms available. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave or at 9:50 a.m. at Shen's Gallery, Mission & King Sts. Bring water, lunch \$4 carpool. Leader: Janet Schwind, 425-3845.

Thursday, May 10

HIKE: JULIA PFEIFFER BURNS

Our gorgeous 4-mile lollipop loop with 1600' elevation gain follows McWay Creek through a dense coastal redwood forest. The wildflower and fern-lined trail has six bridged creek crossings and eventually peaks at a spectacular overlook of the jagged Big Sur coastline where we might spot condors! Bring water, lunch and optional binoculars. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride in Carmel at 9:00 a.m. Call to con-

firm hike. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, May 12

HIKE: NISENE MARKS

A 9-1/2 mile loop-hike up the West Ridge trail, past Hoffman's Camp, and down and out through Bridge Creek canyon, with a rugged one-mile in and out side-trip to 45' Maple Falls. 800' elevation gain. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or at the parking lot behind Aptos Station at 9:45 a.m. Bring water, lunch and \$1 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Saturday, May 12

HIKE: GARAPATA STATE PARK

Enjoy an 8-mile loop with 1600' elevation gain that climbs up Granite Canyon to a spectacular view overlooking the Pacific for lunch. We descend to Soberanes Point to enjoy trails around Whale Peak. We'll look for otters along a beautiful section of trail that winds through canyons and overlooks rocky cliffs along the coast. Incredible rock chimneys and colorful rock formations. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride in Carmel to carpool. Leader: Henry Leinen, 655-1948 or Hleinen@aol.com (preferred).

Sunday, May 13

HIKE: SOBERANES CREEK/ROCKY RIDGE

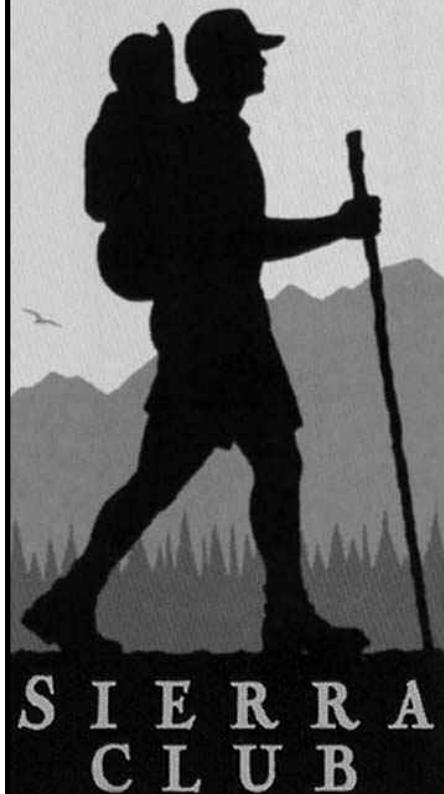
Take Mom out for a 5-mile loop hike with 1650' elevation gain. Enjoy lovely wildflowers along the way. We'll follow the Soberanes Creek Trail into a delightful redwood grove, then climb the steep, badly eroded trail up to grassy knolls for great views and lunch. We'll descend Rocky Ridge with a fine ocean view all the way down. Boots necessary; hiking poles helpful. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Dwight Goehring, 277-9908.

Tuesday, May 15

SENIOR HIKE: POGONIP

This will be a different 3-mile+ hike entering Pogonip on a trail off Hwy. 9 across from Sycamore Grove. We'll hike three different trails eventually crossing the horse meadow to the old clubhouse and back. Lunch after the hike at the Sycamore Grove Beach on the San Lorenzo River. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, from the Hwy. 1 & Hwy. 9 intersection, drive toward Felton about 8/10 of a mile to parking at Sycamore Grove

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Thursday, May 17
HIKE: NISENE MARKS

We'll hike the Loma Prieta Grade Loop thru a lovely, shaded forest of redwoods, tanbark oaks, maples, ferns and wildflowers. Beautiful creeks with several crossings. Gradual 900' elevation gain is spread over 8 miles. Meet in Sea-side at the Home Depot parking lot near the gas station at 8:45 a.m. or in Aptos in the lot behind Dance Synergy off Aptos Creek Road at 9:30 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Call to confirm hike. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, May 18
HIKE: TANBARK TRAIL/TIN HOUSE

The Tanbark Trail packs a lot of scenery in a fairly short length. From its start off Hwy. 1 south of Big Sur, the trail winds up the south side of Partington Canyon, past a rushing creek and through a redwood grove, up through forests of tanbark oak, until it reaches the site of the ruined "Tin House." Here we'll have lunch and enjoy the ocean views before returning via an old dirt road. Car shuttle. 6 miles with 2000' elevation gain. Meet at the Black Bear Diner at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427, marydainton@juno.com.

Saturday, May 19
HIKE: HENRY COE STATE PARK

We'll look for spring wildflowers at this Santa Clara County park. 8 miles on steep horse trails with 1600' elevation gain. 1.5-hr carpool. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool (NOTE EARLIER MEETING TIME). Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, May 19
WALK: POINT LOBOS

Join us on this 4-mile walk, from Hwy. 1, to the Pit, then back past Whaler's Cove, to the top of Whaler's Knoll and back via southern trails. There still should be many wildflowers. Slow pace. Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Bring snack, water, and optional binoculars for close-ups of seals and otters with babies. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Sunday, May 20
HIKE: GARZAS CANYON

The Terrace Trail at Garland Ranch has good flowers in spring. We'll climb to a nicely-contoured walk above the creek, drop steeply to the creek and climb steeply out. Short distance /slow pace. Bring lunch, water, good footwear, and optional walking stick. Meet at the Garland Ranch lot on C.V. Road at 9:30 a.m.; hike starts from Garzas Rd. trailhead at 10:00 a.m. Call leader for more info: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Tuesday, May 22
SENIOR SAUNTER: CARMEL CIRCLE

3-mile loop in Carmel. We'll start at the Carmel Beach parking lot, walk past Mission Ranch up Mission Trail Reserve through Carmel and back along scenic Carmel Beach. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, take Hwy. 1 south to Ocean exit. Turn right, go downhill to Carmello, left on Carmello about 1.5 mi. to beach parking area. Free parking with restrooms. Meet there about 10:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch, \$5 carpool. At end of hike, optional lunch in Carmel. Leader: Brooke Ewoldsen, 475-6188.

Sunday, May 27
HIKE: MITTELDORF PRESERVE

A 9-mile loop around the preserve mostly in the woods where we'll also still find wildflowers. 2000' elevation gain. Great views from the ridges. Meet at the gatehouse to the San Carlos Ranch at 8:00 a.m. Bring lots of water and food, wear hiking boots. Definitely call leader before: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Tuesday, May 29
SENIOR HIKE/ PICNIC: HENRY COWELL

Our loop hike is along the river and through the redwoods. Easy 3 miles with slight uphill. After hike, we'll have our annual potluck picnic. BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at Felton Faire by Safeway at 9:50 a.m. To go direct, use the main entrance to Cowell on Hwy. 9, turn right past the pay station to the first picnic area. Bring water, potluck dish, \$2 carpool and share of entrance \$. Leader: Helena Cantin, 438-4253.

JUNE

Saturday, June 2
HIKE: SUNOL REGIONAL PARK

I hope we're not too early for mariposas and elegant clarkias in this fairly distant park in the East Bay (one-hour carpool). Steep climbs up 1700' and 8 miles. Bring lots of water and sun

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Saturday, June 9
HIKE: LOWER PEBBLE BEACH

See April 21 for details.

Thursday, June 14
HIKE: GARZAS CANYON LOOP

See April 19 for details.

Saturday, June 16
HIKE: PALO CORONA RANCH

Our exact route is yet to be determined, but wherever we go, it will be new and exciting for most of you. There are several options and you can expect 10 miles with 2000' elevation gain. Only room for 20 hikers, so make your reservation early. The hike will be based on pre-hike input from YOU. Call for reservations, mtg. place, etc. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Sunday, June 17
HIKE: CHINA CAMP TO TASSAJARA

We'll start going up at the beginning of the Stone Ridge Trail next to China Camp, go down to the Church Creek Divide and on to Tassajara Road. We will benefit from the very hard work the VWA did on the trail. We'll see the unique caves that have been created by time, wind and water erosion. One wonders who and what has occupied these places. If we are able to get permission, we will also see petroglyphs. Bring water, plenty of food and \$ for carpool. Car shuttle. For information call leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Sunday, June 24
WALK: LIMEKILN CREEK

This hike involves a long but spectacular drive for a short but gorgeous walk. Way south of Big Sur, this park features strolls along both Hare Creek and Limekiln Creek under huge redwoods. We'll lunch near the old kilns, and gaze up from the beach at Cone Peak before heading back. Bring lunch, water, park entrance \$, and plan on a long day. Meet at the Black Bear Diner Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Friday - Wednesday, June 29 - July 4
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<p><u>Ventana Chaper (Monterey Co.)</u></p> <p>Information: 624-8032</p> <p>Executive Committee: Last Thursday of the month; Call for meeting place & time.</p> <p>Conservation Committee: Alternate 3rd Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. Beck's house: 23765 Spectacular Bid, Monterey. Take Hwy 68 to York Rd. to Spectacular Bid. May 19, at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Santa Cruz Regional Group</u></p> <p>Information: 426-4453 Meeting Place: Sierra Club Office, 1001 Center St., Santa Cruz, Suite 11.</p> <p>Executive Committee: Wednesday, Apr. 11, at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Conservation Committee: Call Conservation Chair for meeting times and dates: 768-8187</p>
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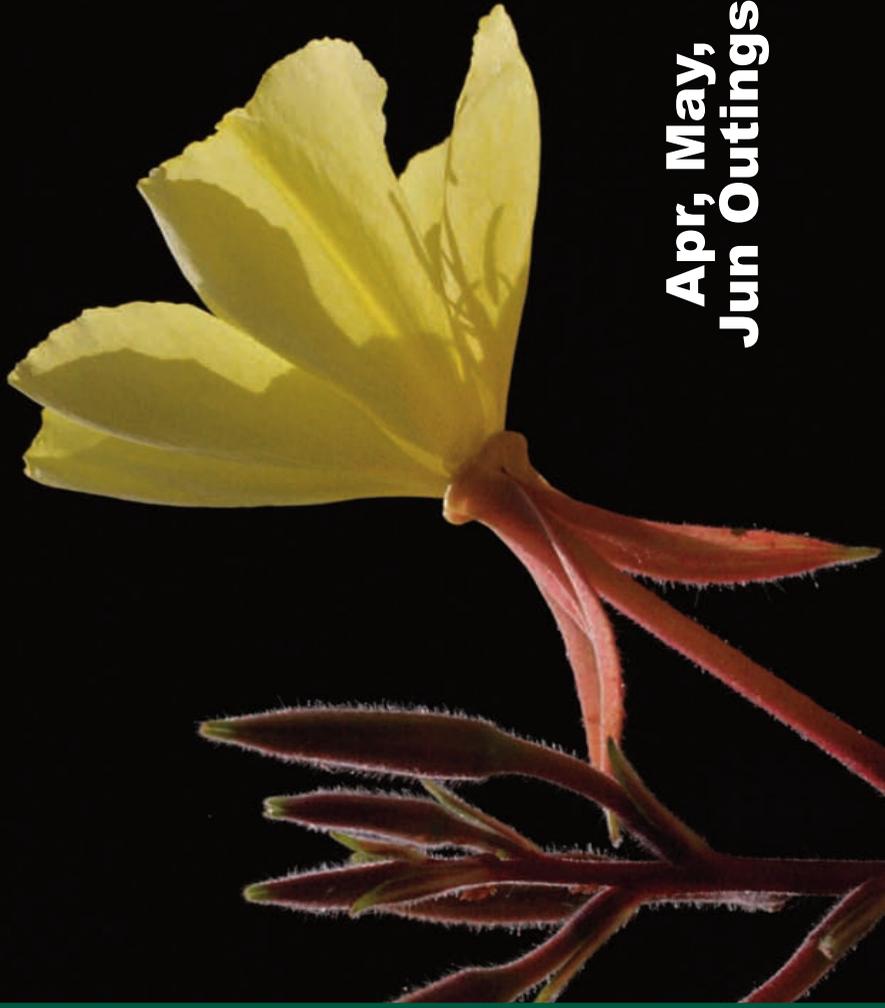
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