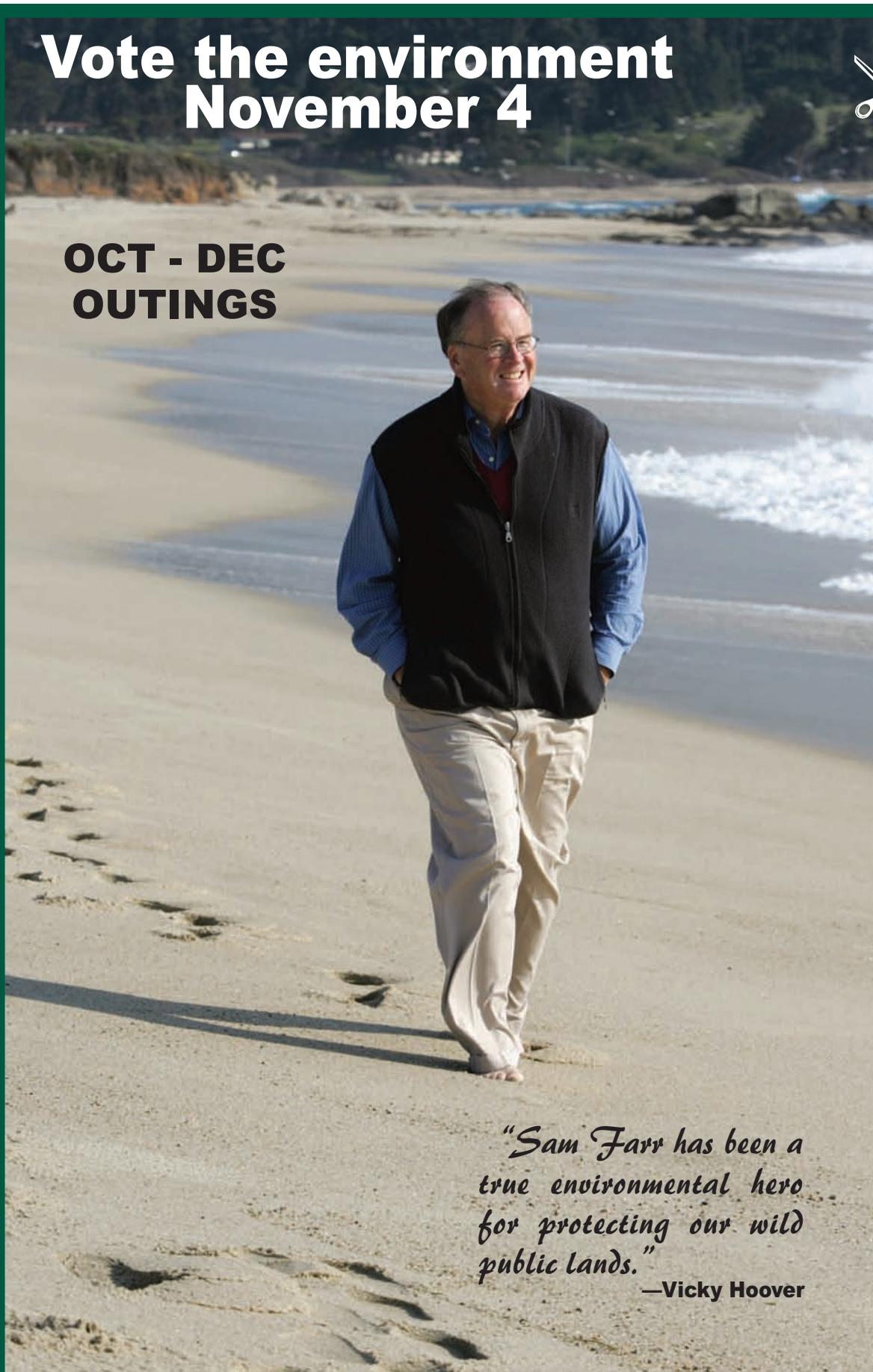


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General Plan to come before Supervisors

The blueprint for the future for Monterey County will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in a few months. As presented, it will not meet the Sierra Club's goals of defending valuable farmland, scenic easements, water resources and wetlands, wildlife habitat, and coastal protections.

The Ventana Chapter has strong concerns about hillside and steep slope ordinances that will encourage projects in Monterey County's scenic foothills. The Chapter also seeks stronger protections for oak woodlands—that otherwise might be sacrificed for sprawl and leapfrog development—and the few remaining stands of rare Monterey Pine Forest, which need an overlay district with strong conservation guidelines.

Moreover, the Draft General Plan (GPU-5) will be subject to further review and possible amendment by a developer/agribusiness/tourist industry-con-

trolled Board. We expect these pro development interests to put heavy pressure on their Supervisors to further weaken the plan.

Environmentally-sensitive Supervisor-elect, Jane Parker, will likely be denied an opportunity to represent the voters when GPU-5 is brought before the Board. To prevent her from doing so, the Supervisors have limited the review period for the 1000-page plan and the Draft Environment Impact Report (DEIR) to just 45 days, so that they can vote on the plan before Parker takes her supervisorial seat.

Your Ventana Chapter has been working nearly nine years to bring Monterey County a general plan that balances the needs of its residents and protection of natural resources. We have participated

fully in the County process, pouring over documents and spending thousands of hours at hearings and meetings. Now we need your help.

Please write, telephone, and fax or email each Supervisor **now** and let them know that you want Monterey County farms, open space and valuable resources protected from developer sprawl. Your prompt communication will help to protect Monterey County for future generations.

Email the Clerk to the Board before October 28 at: CTTB@co.monterey.ca.us or each individual supervisor at district1@co.monterey.ca.us, district2@co.monterey.ca.us, etc up to 5. Call 755-5066. A sample letter is on the Chapter website: www.ventana.sierraclub.org.

—Rita Dalessio

FROM THE EDITOR

Beware of greenwashing

During the famous Lincoln-Douglas presidential debates, Abraham Lincoln said,

"If you call a tail a leg, how many legs has a dog? Five? No; calling a tail a leg don't make it a leg."

The same philosophy can be taken toward two propositions on the ballot for this coming election. Beware of green-

washing. Just because a ballot proposition sounds green, doesn't make it green.

I am speaking of Proposition 7 and Proposition 10 on the November ballot. Both of these propositions are opposed by not only the Sierra Club, but also by other environmental organizations. While this column does not go into the details, we urge you to read the articles on page 4 of this issue and check out various other independent references.

Greenwashing is the same technique used by the Bush administration for such destructive legislation as the "Healthy Forests Initiative" which was pro-logging forest-exploitation and the "Clear Skies Initiative" which sought to weaken air pollution laws. As being green becomes more important to voters, we can expect to see more special interest bills being dressed in green in the future.

As always, the bottom line rests with you, the voter, who must study the facts and try not to be carried away by the emotional claims and slick advertising. I always find it useful to see which organizations are for or against a particular bill.

If you are for some reason not registered to vote, or if you have moved since you voted last, the last day to register is October 20. If you will be unable to get to your assigned polling place on November 4, the last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is October 28.

To learn more about your voting status, polling place or other election information contact:

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—Debbie Bulger

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Thank you!!

This issue of The Ventana has been expanded to 20 pages to include all the political endorsements for the coming election November 4. We have endorsements on every level: National, State, County, City, and Water Districts.

A big thank you goes out to all the members who participated in the endorsement process. Political endorsements take a lot of work including development of questionnaires, interviewing of candidates, documentation, endless meetings and phone conversations, not to mention facilitation of the entire process. Thank you. Be sure to vote for the environment on November 4.

—The Ventana Chapter and the Santa Cruz Group

Prop. 2 would reduce pollution from chicken factories

By Paul Mason, Deputy Director, Sierra Club California

Sierra Club supports Proposition 2, the Standards for Confining Animals Initiative, formerly known as the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act. This Humane Society-backed initiative would set minimum standards for the humane treatment of confined chickens.

Prop. 2 requires that confined chickens be able to stand up, turn around and fully extend their limbs. Currently in California approximately 19 million egg-laying chickens are packed into tiny "battery cages" in factory farms and are unable to extend their wings.



California's enormous chicken factories besides being cruel to animals seriously pollute the air and water in part due to the density of the confined animals.

Prop. 2 would reduce the density of the animals, and therefore the intensity of the air and water pollution.

Many family farmers who raise animals humanely support Prop. 2, because the cruel (but profitable) practices of large factory farms make it difficult for small farms to compete financially. Sierra Club supports family farming, and this initiative helps level the playing field by requiring big agri-business to apply some basic standards to their treatment of animals. **Vote YES on Prop. 2.**



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Ask Supervisors to buy the Roadhouse property

The County of Santa Cruz is considering the purchase of the Roadhouse Property on East Cliff Dr between 38th and 41st Ave. This property is one of the last bits of open space along the Coastal Trail adjacent to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary. This property could contain a much-needed park with an interpretive center, public meeting spaces, and offices for non profits and social services.

Though the \$4-6 million purchase price may seem high, the environmental and social benefits will reward the investment many times over.

Please contact the Santa Cruz County Supervisors and ask that they purchase the property. Purchase by the County is supported by the Sierra Club and other local groups.

You can reach the Supervisors at, 454-2200, 454-3262 (FAX), email: neal.coonerty@co.santa-cruz.ca.us, mark.stone@co.santa-cruz.ca.us, tony.campos@co.santa-cruz.ca.us, jan.beautz@co.santa-cruz.ca.us, ellen.pirie@co.santa-cruz.ca.us.

Thank you for your help.
—Charles Paulden

Santa Cruz
People for the Preservation of
Pleasure Point



Club supports Proposition 1A to build high-speed rail

by Stuart Cohen, Executive Director, Transportation and Land Use Coalition

Sierra Club supports Proposition 1A, which would provide \$9.95 billion dollars to begin the development of the 800-mile High-Speed Rail system and to make improvements to existing rail networks. Building High-Speed Rail will promote sustainable land use, significantly reduce global warming pollution, and get commuters off congested roads and out of crowded airports. While it is an extremely expensive project, adding the same capacity by expanding highways and airports would cost at least twice as much.

The fully completed high-speed train system would run between San Diego and Sacramento, with connections to the Bay Area. Trains would run at speeds of over 220 miles per hour, zipping from San Francisco's Transbay Terminal to Los Angeles' Union Station in two and a half hours.

High-Speed Rail will help to achieve the State's greenhouse gas reduction goals by replacing car and airplane trips with rail trips. By 2030, when the whole system is in place, rail travel is anticipated to reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions by up to 12 billion pounds of CO² per year.

Over the past four months, Sierra Club and other organizations have worked to put important safeguards into the original bond measure, including protections for

the Grasslands Ecological Area, allowing bond funds to be spent on improvements in the Altamont corridor connecting the Bay Area to Modesto and Stockton, and strong financial accountability provisions. At their September 2008 meeting, the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board approved a goal of using 100% renewable, carbon-free electricity to run the system. One of the most daunting challenges is the cost of the system—especially with our state budget in crisis. Although the price tag is very steep (over \$30 billion to connect San Francisco and Los Angeles through the Central Valley), it pales in comparison to the cost of new highway and airport expansions. Caltrans estimates, for example, that it would cost \$6 billion to widen Highway 99 alone from four lanes to six. Widening just this one highway to eight lanes, now being discussed, is estimated to cost at least \$20 billion.

It is time to develop a zero-emission high-speed train system that propels California into the 21st century.

Vote YES on Prop. 1A.

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"To get a chicken's eye view of these conditions, picture yourself standing in a crowded elevator. The elevator is so crowded, in fact, that your body is in contact on all sides with other bodies. . . . And one more thing to keep in mind—this is your life. . . . Your only release will be at the hands of the executioner.

"By the way, in your picture of the elevator, you may have imagined the other people trapped with you as doing the very best they can to hold still, and not make things difficult for you. But what if all the others do not have the ability to understand what is happening? What if they react to the terror of it all with raw instinct, without even a trace of a civilized veneer? What if, like you, they have powerful territorial needs, and the utter frustration of the situation has driven them literally insane, prone to erupt into violence with or without provocation?

"Now imagine further that the floor of the elevator is slanted sharply, so gravity tends to push you all in one direction. The ceiling is so short that you and the others can only stand upright towards one side, and the floor is made of a wire mesh that is terribly uncomfortable to everyone's feet. And to complete this approximation of the living conditions in today's factory farms, what if some of the others trapped with you in the elevator have, in their madness, become cannibalistic?"

—John Robbins

Vote No on Proposition 4

Maintain open access to family planning services

by Paul Mason, Deputy Director, Sierra Club California

For the third time in four years, Californians face a proposed constitutional amendment that would create new notification requirements for women under 18 who are seeking an abortion.

Sierra Club opposes Proposition 4. For nearly 40 years, the Club has supported open access to family planning services, and Prop 4 creates a new obstacle to access. Prop 4 would require women under 18 to wait 48 hours before obtaining an abortion and would require notification of parents or grandparents or permission from the court, before proceeding.

This initiative attempts to create better family communication through a constitutional amendment. While legislating better communication is unlikely to succeed, it is likely that young women caught in abusive family situations will be put in an impossible situation and will end up pursuing black-market abortions.

Prop 4 is likely to end up sending young women to seek dangerous amateur abortions, which is why organizations such as the California Medical Association and California Nurses Association oppose the proposal. For more information visit www.noonprop4.org.

“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.”
—Shakespeare

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Thank you!

No on Prop. 7

Sounds good but would decrease environmental protection

by Jim Metropulos, Senior Advocate, Sierra Club California

Normally, Sierra Club volunteers and staff would eagerly line up behind a measure proposing that half of California’s electricity come from renewable sources by 2025. But Proposition 7, an initiative on the November ballot, doesn’t do enough to save our state and our planet from fossil fuel dependence. In fact, by cementing loopholes that would hold back the growth of the renewable energy industry, it actually could worsen our current energy situation.

Proposition 7:

- Contains serious flaws that could get in the way of achieving its goal of 50% renewable fuels by 2025.
- Actually works against Sierra Club-backed energy policies that would allow communities to choose the source of their energy.
- Decreases environmental review of proposed power plants.

The lack of a sound, steady source of funding represents one major flaw that’s sure to get in the way of a 50% renewables goal. Instead of setting up such a funding stream, Prop. 7 would force renewable power generators to depend upon an uncertain system of penalty monies. It also locks in energy rate raises to just 3% annually, even though there are no limits for nonrenewable power sources.

Existing loopholes in enforcement and archaic policies that tie the price of renewable energy to the price of natural gas-generated energy would be locked in place. In fact, Prop. 7 even lowers some penalties.

Prop. 7 also would obstruct Sierra Club’s efforts to establish community choice for energy policy, since it removes local control over energy policy. Community choice promises to increase the energy-buying power of local communities, giving them more authority.

Consider how a community co-op

store is able to stock more grocery choices because it has more buying power than a smaller store operated by one family. Similarly, a community that bands together could have more choice over what type of energy it chooses to buy.

Prop. 7 would decrease environmental protections, in the guise of “streamlining” the permitting process for renewable power. Local chapters wouldn’t be able to introduce new evidence of environmental harm when appealing a proposed permit.

Sierra Club isn’t standing alone against this potentially harmful law. The Union of Concerned Scientists, California League of Conservation Voters, and Natural Resources Defense Council, among other groups, have taken a stand against Prop. 7. California’s Democratic and Republican parties and major utilities also oppose Prop. 7.

Defeat Prop. 7 and clear the way for real progress on renewable power.

Vote NO on Proposition 10

The wrong road toward cleaner vehicles

by Jim Metropulos, Senior Advocate, Sierra Club California

Sierra Club opposes Proposition 10, The California Renewable Energy and Clean Alternative Fuel Act, because it would put California on the wrong road to cleaner vehicles.

Proposition 10 would provide \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for four main purposes:

1. alternative fuel vehicles rebates and research (\$3.425 billion),
2. renewable energy (\$1.25 billion),
3. renewable energy demonstration (\$200 million), and
4. “clean tech” education and training (\$125 million).

The primary funder of the initiative is Clean Energy Fuels Corp., which, according to its website, is the largest provider of natural gas for transportation in North America and also builds and operates natural gas fueling stations.

Prop. 10’s backer would benefit financially from its passage, because the main thrust of the measure is to provide close to \$3 billion dollars in bond funds to be distributed as rebates to buyers of “clean alternative fuel vehicles.”

The measure has several drawbacks. First, the initiative sets a low bar for “clean alternative vehicles,” which it says must produce “no net material increase in air pollution” relative to gasoline or diesel. Vehicles that meet this standard would do little, if anything, to reduce air pollution or greenhouse gas emissions.

Second, the State already provides significant incentives for natural gas and alternative-fuel vehicles, including a \$200 million clean fuels program paid for by fees.

Third, we question the use of bond funds for rebates. Traditionally, bond funds pay for large public works projects that would normally be too expensive for the state to afford. Proposition 10 doesn’t set up a system to pay back the state’s big borrowing; instead it relies on future state tax collections.

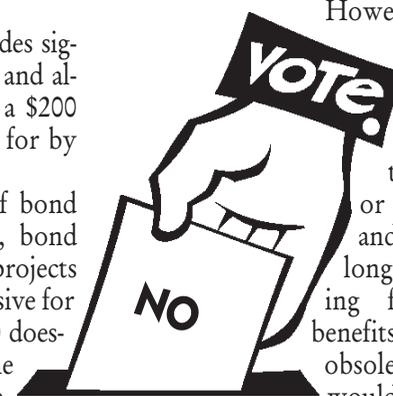
Fourth, we worry that Proposition 10 could lead to the creation of environmentally-harmful dams, as it includes all classes of hydroelectric power as renewable energy. This conflicts with existing state law that generally limits the “renewable” designation to smaller hydroelectric installations and to facilities that don’t im-

pound additional water. Defining dams as “renewable” could also create confusion in utilities’ attempts to comply with the California Renewable Portfolio Standard law.

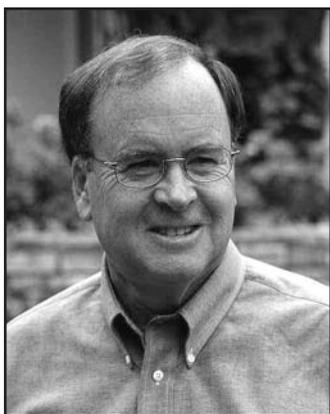
Prop. 10’s promise of more clean alternative vehicles sounds good on its surface.

However, the initiative would accomplish little to facilitate real, sound alternative energy or technologies, and its reliance on long-term borrowing for short-term benefits and potentially obsolete technology would put us on the wrong road.

Joining Sierra Club in opposing Proposition 10 are the League of Women Voters, California Nurses Association, California Federation of Teachers, Consumer Federation of California, Consumer Watchdog, the Utility Reform Network, and California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.



National and State Offices



Sam Farr
U.S. House of Representatives

Representative Sam Farr has earned the endorsement of the Ventana Chapter for his ninth bid for the House of Representatives. A winner of the prestigious National Sierra Club's Ed Wayburn Award in 2003 for his strong leadership in environmental legislation, he remains one of the Sierra Club's and the environment's most stalwart friends.

Rep. Farr is best known by the chapter as a staunch defender of coastal resources and a strong advocate for wilderness acquisition, two of our highest priorities. Most recently, he introduced HR 21 (OCEANS 21) to broadly overhaul our ocean management systems and stop the degradation of our oceans.

Farr's long standing advocacy for wilderness has won him fans locally and made him a hero to Sierra Club's Wilderness Committee. Vicky Hoover, Chair of the Sierra Club California/Nevada Wilderness Committee says, "Sam Farr has been a true environmental hero for protecting our wild public lands. While his focus has, of course, centered on his own congressional district, he has also been a cosponsor of the key visionary wilderness bills the Club has promoted over the years for places such as the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and America's Redrock Wilderness in Utah."

To help with his campaign, contact sam@friendsoffarr.org or call 373-4607.



Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives

Anna Eshoo has earned the Sierra Club endorsement for reelection to the House of Representatives for the 14th Congressional District. In Washington Eshoo has exercised leadership in proposing increased fuel efficiency standards for automakers resulting in the Fuel Economy Reform Act which raises the fuel standards to 35 mpg by 2018. She has fought to end clearcutting, protect old growth forests, and is an original sponsor of the Safe Climate Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.

Of particular interest to Santa Cruz County residents, Eshoo worked tirelessly with others to protect Sand Hill Bluff from future development. The California Congressional delegation led by Eshoo and Senator Feinstein secured \$2 million from NOAA toward the \$9.6 million purchase price. The 154-acre property immediately north of Coast Dairies was transferred to State Parks last year.

Eshoo also secured funding to purchase Bair Island and thousands of acres of bay wetlands in South San Francisco which have been added to the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Anna Eshoo has earned a 2007 League of Conservation Voters rating of 90%. Her lifetime LCV rating is 97%.

Re-elect Anna Eshoo on June 3.



Joe Simitian
California State Senate,
11th District

As a Mayor, County Supervisor, Assemblymember and now running for his second term in the State Senate, Joe Simitian has been a stalwart advocate for the Sierra Club's mission. Senator Simitian chairs the Senate Environmental Quality committee and recently carried bills that would increase the State's use of renewable energy and require the State to conduct additional studies before approving new liquefied natural gas terminals.

Currently, Senator Simitian is carrying legislation that would mandate climate change to be taught in public schools and would require ocean rangers to monitor environmental compliance aboard cruise ships. Senator Simitian has received awards for his work protecting open space, reducing waste, and fighting to improve air quality. He has been recognized by the Sierra Club for a lifetime of commitment.

We are proud to endorse his re-election to California's 11th Senate District.



Bill Monning
California State Assembly,
27th District

Elect Bill Monning to the State Assembly. Bill has a long career as a practicing environmental attorney and community organizer. As an attorney with the United Farm Workers Union and later California Rural Legal Assistance, he worked to protect farm workers and rural residents by handling cases related to toxic exposure.

Bill's efforts included holding EPA hearings on the impacts to workers and the environment from exposure to toxic chemicals, fighting pesticide application companies that were dumping Class 1 toxics into the Salinas River, and opposing methyl bromide use.

Bill opposes oil drilling off our coast and in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He states, "The focus on offshore drilling distracts from a necessary commitment to development of alternative energy, fuel-efficient vehicles, and investment in mass transit."

Bill strongly supported Measure A in Monterey County, the citizens' Community General Plan Initiative favored by the Chapter and worked with us to gather labor and community support. Bill is committed to work at the state level to see that General Plans are regularly updated as required by law and that they meet standards for ensuring protection of farmland and sensitive habitat.

Monterey and Santa Cruz County residents have serious concerns regarding transportation. Bill shares the Chapter's opposition to widening Highway 1 and supports Santa Cruz County's imminent purchase of the rail corridor to open up short- and long-range possibilities for alternatives to auto transportation.

Bill Monning's strong environmental record and advocacy for the health and well being of residents and wildlife have earned the Ventana Chapter Sierra Club endorsement. Visit www.billmonning.org to contact Bill or to help with the campaign.

VOTE THE ENVIRONMENT NOVEMBER 4

Sierra Club Events

Friday, October 10

Potluck & Slides: Elephant Seals

Join us for this informative slide show to learn about the elephant seals who visit our coast from Nancy who is a volunteer naturalist at Año Nuevo State Reserve. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own washable plate, cup, utensils, and serving utensils. We love home cooked meals or dessert, but store-bought food (minimum value \$5) makes great contributions too. For directions call Nancy, 423-5509.

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Tuesday, December 9

Senior HOLIDAY LUNCH

Save the date. Our holiday lunch this year will be either at Linwood's at Chaminade or Severino's. Leader is working out menu options and prices. Flyers will be available at hikes for sign ups. But, it will be great!!!!!! Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.



Non-Sierra Club Events of Interest

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Saturday, October 18

River & Road Clean Up

Volunteers are needed to pull trash from the river and clean up the road. Trucks with winches appreciated. Clean-up bags, refreshments, provided. Help protect the San Lorenzo River and keep trash from being carried to the Bay when the rains come. For more info: 338-1728 or www.vwcweb.org. Sponsored by the Valley Women's Club, County of Santa Cruz, and San Lorenzo Valley Water District.

Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Saint Mary's College of California will be the keynote speaker. Symposium includes field trips. For more information contact Bruce Delgado, 394-8314, bdelgado@blm.gov.

FREE Wormshops

Learn how worms can eat your food scraps and make beautiful compost for your garden. Master composters will teach you everything you need to know. Pre-registration required. Free and below wholesale worm bins for residents of unincorporated Santa Cruz Co. and Scotts Valley. \$50 charge for residents of Capitola, City of Santa Cruz, and Watsonville. Call 427-3452 to register. Sponsored by S.C. Co. Board of Supervisors; produced by County Public Works Recycling and Solid Waste Services.

Thursday, October 30

Tree Forum

Learn about the economic value of the Carmel urban forest. 2-4:30 p.m. Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall, Carmel. Sponsored by City of Carmel Forest and Beach Commission and Friends of Carmel Forest. Keynote address by Kelaine Vargas, Urban Ecologist, U.C. Davis. FREE.



Sunday, October 19, 1-3 p.m., Quail Hollow Ranch County Park, 800 Quail Hollow Road, Felton

Saturdays

Garland Ranch Hikes

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District docents lead hikes at Garland Ranch every Saturday. An updated list of all hikes may be found on their website: www.mprpd.org.

Friday, November 14

Weed Symposium

The 10th annual California Invasive Weed Symposium will present "Evolution/Revolution—What's New in the Invasive Weed World" at CSUMB. Carla Bossard,

Monterey CNPS

Habitat restoration

Volunteer to restore native habitat in State Parks in Monterey Co. Wear layered work clothes. Bring water & snacks. Tools & gloves provided. Carpools meet at Rio Rd. Park and Ride. Rain or shine. Contact Jan Shriner, jshriner@mbay.net, 236-0905. Website: www.montereybaycnps.org.

October 19, Garrapata State Park, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

October 24, Garrapata State Park, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; contact to participate required by October 22

November 1, Pt. Lobos, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

November 16, Garrapata State Park, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November 21, Garrapata State Park, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; contact to participate required by November 19

Santa Cruz CNPS

Habitat restoration

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, redwdrn@pacbell.net, 462-4041. Website: www.cruzcnps.org.

October 4, Sunset Beach State Park

October 25, Natural Bridges State Park

Vote NO on Measure Z

Measure Z, on the Monterey County November ballot is a half-percent sales tax to raise \$980 million over 25 years. Called the Transportation Investment Plan, it is part of a \$1.8 billion transportation funding program, with another \$470 million proposed by Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) in matching state and federal money, and \$320 million in regional impact fees paid by developers. It requires a 2/3 vote to pass. **The Ventana Chapter opposes Measure Z.**

Sierra Club has a policy against widening highways. Transportation studies show that building or widening highways induces more traffic. Shortly after widening, traffic will increase by 10 - 50% as public transit or carpool riders switch to driving, or motorists take more or longer trips or switch routes. After about three years, as the new roadway capacity stimulates more sprawl and motorists move farther from work and shopping, traffic increases 50 - 100%, clogging local streets at both ends of the highway.

This is TAMC's 4th try on a tax to expand roads; the last one failed in June 2006.

Other reasons the Club opposes Measure Z are:

- Measure Z does not include fair share contributions from agriculture and the hospitality industry even though they could benefit from the measure.

- Measure Z may afford very little net improvement. TAMC admits some roads will even be worse. It also does little to address the county road deferred maintenance costs of \$800 million.

- Measure Z offers no guarantee to receive state or federal matching funds. Historically, the state has shown preference to metropolitan areas. With state and national budgets in crisis, where will matching funds come from?

- Measure Z is growth inducing.
- Proponents claim that the highway projects will improve safety, yet almost 40% of the funding for roads and highways would be used to widen Highway 156 which is number 12 on the list of the 16 most unsafe highways in Monterey County.

- Since the Investment Plan can be amended by the TAMC Board of Directors, there are no safeguards for voters including no penalties for misuse of funds and no assurance that the priority for projects will be followed or even funded.

Vote NO on Measure Z.

"What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

—Henry David Thoreau



County allowing only 45 days for review of General Plan Draft EIR

The Draft EIR (DEIR) for Monterey County's latest General Plan Update is out and being reviewed by Chapter members. A General Plan is often called a "land use bible." This version of the General Plan Update has been ongoing for nearly nine years and has seen many political and legal battles.

The Board of Supervisors acquiesced to development interests by limiting public input to only 45 days for this approximately 1000-page document. The public has only until October 28 to comment. The issues will be the same as with previous versions:

- Can the county's natural resources, its air and water and its infrastructure and services cope with the amount of growth the pro-development Board desires?

- Can the side effects—the environmental impacts of the growth—be managed appropriately?

The Chapter is especially concerned about the County's attempts to greatly weaken the existing ordinances that protect steep hillsides from development and conversion to vineyards. These hills are home to an incredible array of special status plants and animals as well as serving as our vital watershed. Sierra Club has repeatedly called for a full evaluation of this dangerous policy change, but to date that has not occurred.

The more comments Supervisors receive about protecting the environment, the better. See the Chapter Chair column on p. 3 for addresses and more information.

"We won't have a society if we destroy the environment."

—Margaret Mead

Sustainability gaining ground in Monterey County

by Denyse Frischmuth

The concept of sustainability is finally making deeper inroads into our awareness, and the acceptability of sustainability practices is increasing. To hasten and broaden the process, Citizens for a Sustainable Monterey County is urging cities in Monterey County to adopt and implement two sustainability agreements: the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords and the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. So far, three cities have signed: Pacific Grove, Monterey and Salinas.

These agreements provide helpful guidelines for better environmental stewardship, and several of their recommendations have been implemented. Pacific Grove has planted over 2,000 trees through its "Trees for P.G." reforestation project. Its ban on Styrofoam containers used in restaurants and for take-out food will reduce the amount of toxic products entering the environment. The use of biodegradable and organic cleaning products for all its public buildings reduces water pollution. Monterey's green build-

ing ordinance will bring about a marked reduction in wasted energy and natural resources. The purchase of electric and hybrid vehicles for its fleet reduces CO₂ emissions. Dual flush toilets, waterless urinals, and a waterless truck cleaning station will reduce water usage. Salinas has only recently signed the sustainability agreements and is considering measures to adopt.

Citizens for a Sustainable Monterey County acts as a catalyst for the creation of sustainability action groups which initiate local projects, educate people on sustainability issues, and partner with their city government for the implementation of the Accords and the Agreement. For more information and to get involved in your community, visit the following websites or use the email contact.

Pacific Grove:

www.sustainablepg.org

Monterey:

www.montereygreenaction.com

Seaside:

groups.google.com:80/group/sustainable-seaside?hl=en

Big Sur:

www.relocalize.net/groups/bigsur

Salinas:

sustainablesalinas@gmail.com

Carmel Valley:

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CSMC works to initiate an action group in every city of the county and to have them adopt the Accords and Agreement. To get involved, contact denyse@sustainablemontereycounty.org.

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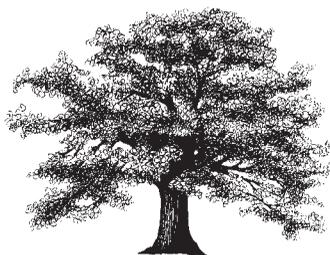


Mark Stone
Santa Cruz County Supervisor,
5th District

Sierra Club endorses Mark Stone for another term as County Supervisor for District 5.

Stone has ably represented District 5, providing leadership to protect its watersheds, including negotiating a settlement of the proposed Lompico headwaters forest logging project. The Lompico watershed has since been permanently protected through its acquisition by Semprevirens Fund. Mark has consistently supported Felton citizens' efforts to buy their water distribution system and to transfer its management to the San Lorenzo Water District.

While serving on the Regional Transportation Commission, Supervisor Stone has worked to improve regional transportation planning and options. He understands the relationships between environmental issues, transportation infrastructure, and our quality of life. His fairness, vision, and accomplishments merit this endorsement and your vote on November 4.



*"I think that I shall never see
A billboard lovely as a tree.
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,
I'll never see a tree at all."*

—Ogden Nash



John Leopold
Santa Cruz County Supervisor,
1st District

Election of John Leopold to the Board of Supervisors presents a pivotal opportunity to move forward on many critical environmental issues facing Santa Cruz County. On the critical issue of Highway 1 widening in our county, John supports the Sierra Club's opposition to this project, whereas his competitor supports the widening.

As a Cabrillo College Trustee, Leopold has been working to strengthen alternative transportation to campus and is a strong supporter of having Cabrillo install the largest solar array in the county. He is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through green building, alternative transportation, sustainable urban design, renewable energy, and sustainable lifestyle choices.

John's experience as a small businessman, his extensive work with local nonprofits, and his established relationships with other community leaders display the management skills needed by a Supervisor.

As a board member of the Rex Foundation, Leopold has either initiated grant revenue or supported funding for a large number of grassroots environmental groups including the Mattole Restoration Salmon Group, Sustainable Fishery Advocates, the Environmental Protection Information Center, and People Power.

Sierra Club endorses John Leopold for Supervisor for the 1st District, Santa Cruz County.



City of Santa Cruz



Tim Fitzmaurice
Santa Cruz City Council

Sierra Club endorses Tim Fitzmaurice because of his strong environmental record during his prior eight years on the City Council. He has committed to continue working for the environment. While on the City Council, Tim voted to hire an environmental coordinator for the City, insisted on adoption of green building standards, helped install recycling containers downtown, and voted to place solar panels on City Hall.

Tim has promised to take a strong stand against developing water sources through desalination that would result in increased growth. He is committed to providing leadership in reaching tangible results to address global warming as part of the City's Climate Action Program. While on the Transportation Commission, Tim opposed the widening of Highway 1 and supported transit, bike, and other alternative transportation. The rail trail has been a special project for Tim.

For decades Tim has personally recycled, used public transit, and volunteered at beach, river, and graffiti cleanups. His election will further environmental goals in Santa Cruz.



Katherine Beiers
Santa Cruz City Council

Katherine Beiers has earned the Sierra Club endorsement for Santa Cruz City Council not only because of her environmental record on the Council from 1989-1999, but also for her continuing advocacy for the environment. For 35 years, Katherine has fought to maintain the beauty and environmental quality of Santa Cruz, helping to preserve Lighthouse Field, establishing the Greenbelt, rebuilding a walkable downtown after the earthquake, and promoting an alternative route to the Broadway/Brommer bike path across Arana Gulch.

If elected, Katherine has promised to address global warming, to allow only responsible and sustainable development, to reduce the negative impacts of growth, to preserve the integrity of our neighborhoods, and to ensure that all of our citizens have a meaningful opportunity to be heard in open, democratic government.

Katherine intends to ensure that environmental reviews fully disclose and examine proposed mitigations and alternatives. She will promote efforts and projects that help people find alternatives to driving alone. She would support legislation to require that environmentally-sound building practices be followed for all new construction. She does not support building a parking garage at the Farmers' Market site downtown. Katherine will discourage "spot-zoning" especially concerning large developers.

Sierra Club believes Katherine will bring great energy and valuable experience to the City Council.



Marina Coast Water District



Quinn Gardner
Marina Coast Water District
Board of Directors

Quinn Gardner is endorsed by Sierra Club for the Marina Coast Water District Board of Directors.

Quinn's three primary issues are: 1) Making our water sustainable for the future; 2) protecting our families and the public health; and 3) getting the people involved again through greater government transparency and education. As a member of the Water Board, Quinn will best represent the Sierra Club and the citizens of Marina, and their interest in a continued safe, sustainable, cost effective and economical water supply. He is dedicated to insuring that the district require all new development projects perform an intensive water supply assessment while tripling their efforts to seek out more sustainable water creation solutions and water conservation methods.

Water is by far the most crucial and stressed natural resource on the Monterey Peninsula. With threats of seawater intrusion and carbon tetrachloride left over from Fort Ord, we need a steward who is not afraid to ask tough questions to protect this vital resource. Quinn's first priority will be to protect public health; he will not wait until damage has been done to start looking for remedies.

Both an inspiring community organizer and passionate environmentalist, Quinn has devoted his life to getting people involved in the issues plaguing Marina. He believes in open, transparent, participatory government and a water board that reports directly to the citizens and looks to them for guidance. To support Quinn and get involved with his campaign, call 916-606-3373.

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City of Marina



Frank O'Connell
Marina City Council

Frank O'Connell has earned the Sierra Club endorsement for the Marina City Council. Frank has been a member of the City Planning Commission since February 2007; he has worked as an attorney in Monterey since 1978. As a member of the planning commission, Frank had a strong voice in the environmental aspects of the Marina Station project on the Armstrong Ranch.

Frank always reviews the City staff reports and recommendations on proposed projects, but does not limit his decisions to that information. He does independent research to determine the accuracy and conclusions of environmental impact reports, traffic impacts, zoning, etc. and follows that research up with more relevant questions prior to making a decision and casting his vote. For example, he researched the feasibility, development, and maintenance of rain gardens in Marina. This research included seeking and obtaining independent data from governmental agencies in other states.

Frank shares Sierra Club concerns about balanced growth, traffic congestion, alternative energy, and fuel-efficient vehicles. He is the proud owner of a hybrid automobile.

Frank's priority of an open and accountable government assures us that the Chapter's priorities will be well served with Frank on the Marina City Council. To get involved with his campaign, call 384-0415.

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Bruce Delgado
Mayor, Marina

The Sierra Club is pleased to endorse Bruce Delgado for Mayor of Marina in appreciation of his demonstrated commitment to protecting the environment. As a botanist for the BLM, Bruce has introduced many urban residents to the wonders of nature on the Fort Ord Public Land.

As mayor, Bruce will continue his prior efforts on City Council toward inclusion of walkable community features and renewable technologies in all new projects in the City. He supports incentives for solar and thermal power installations, redeveloping the downtown instead of creating urban sprawl, and making the downtown more exciting, beautiful, and university friendly.

As mayor, Bruce would serve on the Fort Ord Reuse Authority and be in a position to increase the sustainability of future reuse projects. His vision for the Central Coast includes working with the Regional Park District and the Big Sur Land Trust to acquire coastal open space as it becomes available.

Bruce's seeks to increase the awareness of the link between environmental issues and economic and social needs in cities around Monterey Bay. To support his campaign, contact Bruce at bdelgado@mbay.net or call 277-7690.



David Burnett
Marina City Council

David Burnett, a Marina resident and homeowner since 1995, is endorsed by Sierra Club. He was appointed to the Marina Planning Commission in 2003 where he served for four years including one year as chair and one year as vice-chair. During that time, David influenced the city's General Plan and insured the ongoing preservation of open space.

Since leaving the Planning Commission, David has been increasingly concerned about the approval of so many large projects in Marina without sufficient public participation. David proposes a return to a sense of fairness and balance in all dealings with the public.

Once elected, David will encourage town hall meetings and promote environmentally-sound policies in decision making. David has deep respect for the Coastal Act and understands the principles of CEQA. He values these guidelines in forging a future for emerging cities like Marina. He will focus on green building practices and the use of sustainable materials.

To support David Burnett and get involved with his campaign, call 384-2828.

Deborah A. Malkin

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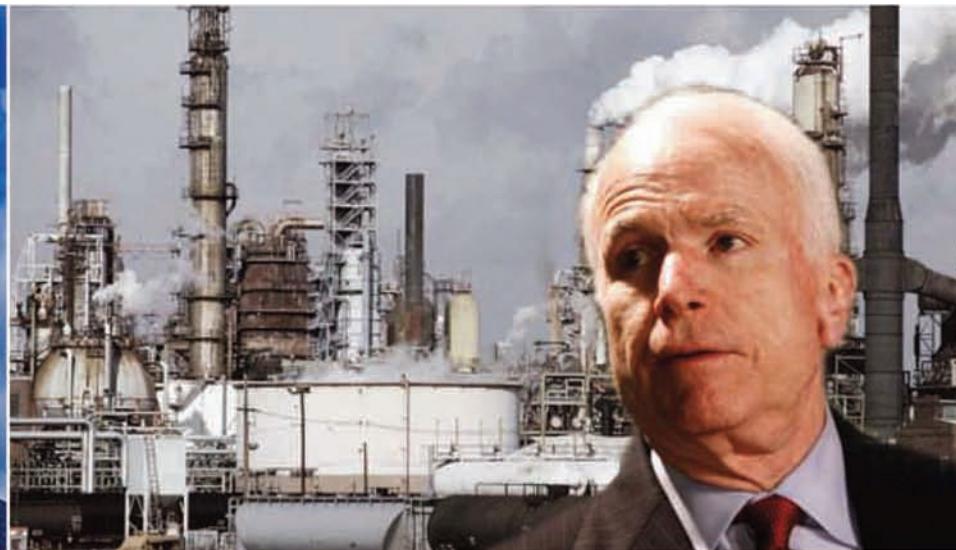
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Taking on Big Oil

Proposes an immediate \$1,000 energy rebate and additional tax relief for working Americans, paid for by taxing Big Oil's tens of billions in windfall profits. — *CBS News*, 08/01/08; *Boston Globe*, 06/12/08

Has refused to cut off the \$13 billion in existing government giveaways to Big Oil and wants to give the oil industry another \$3.8+ billion tax break. Also proposed a gas tax holiday that 230 leading economists say would help no one but Big Oil. — *Senate Votes*: 2007, #223, #416, #425 and 2008, #146; *Bloomberg News* 05/05/08; *Associated Press*, 07/08/08.

Investing in the Clean Energy Economy

Invests \$150 billion in clean energy, energy efficiency, advanced biofuels and fuel-efficient cars in order to create 5 million new jobs. Believes that nuclear power shouldn't be expanded until safety, waste storage and security problems are solved. — *New York Times*, 05/14/08; *CNN*, 05/08/08; *Los Angeles Times*, 08/06/08.

Has cast 8 votes against a Renewable Electricity Standard or funding for clean energy, and has not supported crucial incentives needed to develop wind and solar power. Instead, favors trucking nuclear waste through 44 states (but not Arizona) and building 100 new nuclear power plants — at a cost of \$1 trillion. — *Senate Votes*: 1999, #171; 2001, #125; 2002, #50, #55, #59; 2005, #141, #363; 2006, #42; 2007, #97, #223, #416; and 2008 #8, #95, #147, #150, #190, #192; *Bloomberg News* 06/19/08; *EnergyBiz*, May/June 2008; *Las Vegas Sun*, 6/26/08.

Fixing Global Warming

Has a comprehensive plan to cut global warming pollution by 80% by 2050. His plan makes polluters pay for what they emit and refunds the money to consumers in order to bring energy costs back under control. — *www.newenergyforamerica.com*

Supports action on global warming, but proposes an outdated plan that fails to do what scientists say will avert the most catastrophic effects of global warming and will give away hundreds of billions of dollars to polluters. — *EPA*, 7/16/2007; *Wall Street Journal*, 2/11/08.

Increasing Fuel Economy

Proposes doubling fuel economy to 50+ miles per gallon and wants a \$7,000 tax credit for consumers who buy highly efficient vehicles. — *Detroit Free Press*, 08/05/08.

Has voted both for and against fuel economy standards. Failed to vote for the first increase in mileage standards in over 30 years. — *New York Times*, 5/13/2008; *Washington Post*, 5/12/2008; *Senate Votes*: 2007, #208, #225, #226, #416, #425, #430.

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—Paul Hawken

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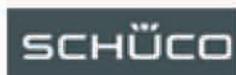
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"The fog comes on little cat feet. It sits looking over the harbor and city on silent haunches and then, moves on."
—Carl Sandburg



Frank Kertai
Scotts Valley City Council

Sierra Club has endorsed Frank Kertai for Scotts Valley City Council.

Frank has not only stated his concern about City water resource problems, he has attended Scotts Valley Water Board District meetings and made specific suggestions on measures that agency might take to conserve water. He practices what he preaches and has installed a drip irrigation system to cut down on his personal water use.

Kertai has expressed concern about the endangered and threatened native species present in the city including the Ohlone tiger beetle, red-legged frog and Scotts Valley spineflower. Frank supports mandatory green building practices in the City. He notes that green building is often no more expensive than conventional building.

Frank has been active on public issues. His opposition to the proposed Target store is well known, and he submitted 32 pages of comments on the Draft EIR for the project. His grasp of the environmental problems facing the city, his impressive analytical skills, and his commitment to the future of Scotts Valley have earned the Club endorsement.



Caryn Machado
Scotts Valley City Council

Sierra Club endorses Caryn Machado, a political newcomer, because of her passion for the conservation of wildlife, her understanding of the intense pressure that human society places on the natural world, and her understanding of the environmental issues facing Scotts Valley.

Caryn's knowledge of city government, the 1994 General Plan, the Scotts Valley Water District Groundwater Management Program, and other key documents will enable her to hit the ground running. She believes water is the most important issue facing the City.

Caryn supports priority placement of local businesses in the new Town Center, adoption of LEED building standards, inclusion of bike lanes and bike parking in the Town Center plan, and follows environmental practices in her personal life. She will work to incorporate sustainability into the Town Center rather than its being optional as it is at present.



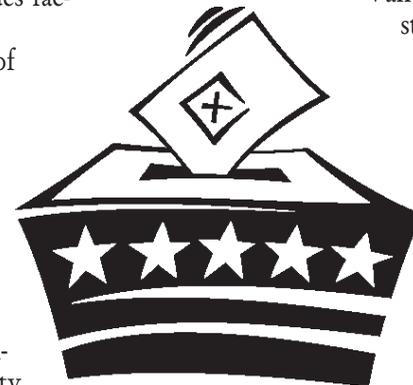
Chuck Walker
Scotts Valley City Council

Chuck Walker is endorsed by Sierra Club for election to the Scotts Valley City Council. His experience as a former mayor of the City has given him an excellent understanding of the development pressures facing Scotts Valley.

Walker understands the principle of build-out and how this is directly related to planning and zoning.

Chuck expressed his support for green building principles and a community where people could enjoy walking and riding bikes rather than simply being stuck in traffic. He is a strong supporter of local small businesses.

As Mayor, Walker supported the wastewater recycling plant which supplies recycled water for landscape use. He believes an adequate and clean water supply and traffic congestion are the most important environmental issues facing the City. He advocates recharge projects and responsible planning as solutions.



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Capitola



Dennis Norton
Capitola City Council

In his previous terms on the Capitola City Council from 1999 to 2006, Dennis Norton was a strong advocate for the environment. As the Capitola representative to the Regional Transportation Commission, Dennis was an outspoken advocate for alternative transportation and purchase of the Union Pacific rail corridor. He championed sensible transportation and opposed widening Highway 1.

Dennis employs green building practices in his design business and is working to incorporate green building into the City Code. He supports housing above retail businesses, preservation of historic neighborhoods, and public open space.

Dennis supported the polystyrene ban in the City and is working to preserve the Golino property along Soquel Creek. He is an advocate for creeks protection and advocates the use of permeable surfaces to decrease storm water runoff. As mayor, Dennis founded the first Soquel Creek

Task Force and Capitola's Commission on the Environment.

Sierra Club urges you to vote for Dennis Norton for Capitola City Council.



Michael Termini
Capitola City Council

Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Michael Termini for reelection to the Capitola City Council. Councilmember Termini is knowledgeable, committed to the environment and effective in turning ideas into action.

Michael Termini's leadership in banning Styrofoam containers in Capitola has made the City a model for the rest of the nation. He saw the blight that polystyrene caused on beaches and in the ocean and

took bold steps to ban its use for take-out food. Capitola had the first such ordinance in the nation.

Termini has also taken the lead in persuading restaurants to separate food waste from other trash. This is a vital first step to addressing the problem of fugitive methane in landfills. Methane is a far more dangerous greenhouse gas than CO₂ and is generated from organic material such as decomposing food waste in landfills. Eliminating this source of a greenhouse gas is a very important measure that cities can implement to fight global warming.

The City of Capitola is fortunate to have a leader of Michael Termini's quality. Vote for Michael Termini for City Council.



**Vote the environment
November 4**

Soquel Creek Water District



Tom LaHue
Bruce Daniels
Soquel Creek Water District Board

The Sierra Club endorses Bruce Daniels and Dr. Tom LaHue for reelection to the Soquel Creek Water District (SCWD) Board of Directors. Bruce Daniels (current SCWD President) was the founding Chair of the Sierra Club's local Water Resources Committee. Tom (current SCWD Vice-President) was

the founding Chair of the Santa Cruz County Chapter of Surfrider Foundation.

Many local defenders of our natural resources have joined the Sierra Club in endorsing this slate, including Assembly member John Laird, Fred Keeley, The People's Democratic Club of Santa Cruz County, and hydrologist, Dr. Bob Curry.

Bruce and Tom will continue to address customer needs while dealing with the issues of clean water, salt-water intrusion, environmental protection and conservation. They will base solutions to problems on expert science. They are working to protect both the water quality and resident wildlife of Soquel Creek and the Monterey Bay.

Bruce and Tom also believe that water conservation with financial incentives can reduce our current water deficit and they are dedicated to carbon-neutral solutions. For more information and to support Bruce and Tom, visit

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Sierra Club organizer, Marily Woodhouse, is mobilizing volunteers against clearcutting



Sierra Pacific Industries is in the process of clearcutting 1.7 million acres of their holdings in the Sierra Nevada.

Marily Woodhouse knows first hand the destruction of clearcutting. Living in the foothills of Mt. Lassen, her quiet, little-used road suddenly became a logging truck superhighway with truckload after truckload of trees being hauled away from Sierra Pacific In-

dustries (SPI) clearcuts. She told us, "What is being done a few miles from where I live is a microcosm of what is being done all over the northern part of the state. It is deforestation as surely as what has been done to rainforests in other parts of the world. The difference is that it is right here in our state instead of thousands of miles away. These archaic and unsustainable logging practices **must** be stopped. The only way to do that is for 'we the people' to act to make it so."

Marily has been hired with contributions of five California Sierra Club chapters, including the Ventana Chapter, to enlist and coordinate volunteers in a campaign to end clearcutting in the Sierra Nevada.

Many people are not aware that although clearcutting on National Forests in the Sierra has mostly been abandoned, on vast private forestlands it is still the dominant timber harvesting method. SPI is by far the worst offender. The company is in the process of clearcutting and turning into tree plantations over 1.7 million acres of their holdings in the Sierra Nevada. To stop the onslaught, the Sierra Club has partnered with ForestEthics in

a campaign aimed at building sufficient public outrage at this logging practice that demand will build for wood products that are not produced by destroying our forests.

Our partnership with ForestEthics will be a marriage of strengths. While we have many members to call upon to help defend the Sierra, we will be taking advantage of the tried and true approaches that ForestEthics developed which stopped the production of Victoria's Secret catalogs from Canada's boreal forests and convinced Staples that it was not in their economic interests to market products made from old-growth forests.

The key to this campaign will be to draw the public's attention to the horrific effects of clearcutting, including the loss of beauty and wildlife habitat, the erosion and the sedimentation, and the poisoning of soil and streams with toxic herbicides. Healthy forests provide 60% of California's water supply and sequester carbon to help combat global warming. Public pressure can force Sierra Pacific Industries to change their timber harvesting practices.

For this ambitious effort to succeed, we need many volunteers, members who truly care enough about the Sierra to step up and take action. If you would like to learn more, or to sign up to help, Marily can be reached at 530-474-5803 or marily.woodhouse@mlc.sierraclub.org. More about ForestEthics and the Save the Sierra Campaign can be found at: www.savethesierra.org.

American way of dying

National Geographic reports that we bury more than bodies after people die. Each year in the United State we also bury 30 million board feet of wood comprising caskets, 90,000 tons of steel (more than in the Golden Gate Bridge), and use 1.6 million tons of concrete in burial vaults.

Drying tip

If Americans would dry just half their laundry loads on a clothes rack or clothesline instead of using a dryer, the collective reduction in CO2 would be almost 9 million tons. It saves money too. Such a deal.

Carbon Sink

An article in the September 11 issue of the journal *Nature* provides more evidence that old growth forests sequester carbon for centuries. Conventional teaching, based on one study from the 1960s, assumed that old growth was carbon neutral. Many of these old growth forests are unprotected at present.

Fish killers

Even with careful use, the pesticides chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion find their way into streams and harm salmon. These chemicals are used on fruits, vegetables, livestock, and fenceposts among other uses. Under a settlement of a lawsuit, NOAA Fisheries has until October 31 to work with the EPA to find new ways to safely use these chemicals. Are there any safe ways? To learn more visit www.earthjustice.org/news/index.html for the August 13 press release.

Cities can help with solar

AB811, signed by Governor Schwarzenegger this summer, allows cities and counties to offer low-interest financing to residents and business owners who want to install solar panels or make other energy improvements.

College pledge

Ripon College, a 1000 student college in Wisconsin, is offering incoming freshmen a new mountain bike, helmet, and lock if they pledge not to bring a car to campus. Sixty percent of incoming freshmen have signed up.



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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 is a general guideline. (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:

Rio Road Park & Ride: This parking lot is on Rio Road in Carmel.

Save-Mart / Bagel Bakery: (formerly Albertson's) South of Monterey on Hwy. 1. One mile past Ocean Ave., turn L on Carmel Valley Rd. Almost immediately, turn R at the light. Save-Mart/ Bagel Bakery on the R.

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: The shopping center at the junction of Graham Hill and Mt. Hermon Rds in Felton. 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. Go toward the ocean on 41st Ave. Pass the main Mall entrance and turn right into the next entrance near 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 L and L again into the first parking lot—A. This is the site of the Thurs. Farmers Mkt. Plenty of parking with no fee on weekends.

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: Home Depot Seaside

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. CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

Participants will be required to sign a liability waiver. To read it before choosing to participate on an outing go to www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 4

HIKE: EL CORTE DE MADERA PRESERVE

A 9-mile loop starting from the entrance parking area 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 Blvd. Then the Tafoni, Fir, and Methusela Trails back to our start. 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, though it seems to be made of softer and more fragile material. Spectacular views to the sea along the ridge top and near the creek headwaters. 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 \$8 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Saturday, October 4

HIKE: SOQUEL DEMO FOREST

This large forest is situated north and above Nisene Marks. Strenuous 10-mile loop with 1500' elevation gain on forest roads and trails, mostly shaded, shared with mountain bikers. Bring water and lunch, snacks for breaks. Meet in Seaside at Home Depot at 8:30 a.m. or at the Corralitos Meat Market at 9:15 a.m. Definitely call before. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Sunday, October 5

HIKE: LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST

Depending on the extent of the recent forest fires in our National Forest, we'll hike somewhere in the northern sections of Los Padres. Either Devil's Peak, Danish Creek, Big Pines, or Bluff Camp. Expect 8-12 miles and 2000' elevation gain. Please call within a week of this hike to confirm the location, meeting time & place, etc. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Tuesday, October 7

HIKE: MITTELDORF PRESERVE

6-mile hike with little elevation gain along Williams Creek through a serene redwood forest. We'll see a nice variety of ferns and flowers. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early, we leave at 9:30 a.m. sharp from Rio Road Park & Ride. Call for reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, October 10

BIKE RIDE: PEBBLE BEACH

Meet at 10:00 a.m. outside the Fishwife restaurant in Pacific Grove (Hwy. 68 and Asilomar Blvd.) Please arrive with your bicycle in working condition with the tires properly inflated.

We'll ride along paved streets for about 15 miles, enjoying ocean scenery and stopping at viewpoints. About 2 hours. Helmets mandatory. Bring a lunch to eat at the end of the ride in the leaders' back garden. Hosts will provide cups of English tea. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427. -

Saturday, October 11

HIKE: BIG BASIN

The East Branch of Waddell Creek is the lesser known tributary flowing into Last Chance. We'll go farther than last time, to the edge of the park. 9 miles with 1500' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, October 12

HIKE: MARIN HEADLANDS

We'll carpool to the south end of the Golden Gate Bridge where we'll take the bus over the bridge to the Point Bonita Lighthouse. From there we'll hike back along the Marin Headlands and over the bridge to San Francisco. We'll experience coastal views, the fall migration of raptors as they prepare to cross the Golden Gate, and one of the most unique experiences of all, walking the bridge. Space limited, call for details. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

Tuesday, October 14

SENIOR HIKE: JACKS PEAK

We'll hike in a Monterey Pine forest stopping at the highest point of the Monterey Peninsula. Great views. Some hills but not too steep. Meet BEFORE 10:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, take Hwy. 1 then 68 east. Park entrance is across from airport entrance. Restrooms available. Bring lunch, water, \$5 carpool, and share of entrance fee. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Tuesday, October 14,

HIKE: NISENE MARKS

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creeks with several crossings. Moderate pace with stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early, leave at 8:45 a.m. sharp from Shell station by Home Depot in Seaside or from parking lot behind Aptos Station at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Wednesday, October 15

HIKE: WATSONVILLE WETLANDS

One of only two major systems of coastal fresh water sloughs remaining in California. Spend the morning with the environmental/educational nonprofit Watsonville Wetlands Watch. Begin at its educational resource center where you will learn about its programs in restoration, education and conservation, then take a guided tour through environmentally-sensitive habitat areas including Dept. of Fish & Game properties. Picnic on a knoll overlooking Struve Slough. After lunch walk 6 miles skirting the sloughs. Rich in birds; bring binoculars, water, and lunch. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or call leader for a Watsonville meeting place. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, October 18

WALK: CARMEL RIVER BEACH

How about an early morning walk from Carmel River Beach to Monastery Beach via the hill and back via the bluff trail. Enjoy views of Point Lobos and listen to the surf. About 3 miles. Wear comfortable shoes; dress for weather; windbreaker recommended. Bring water and snack. Meet at the parking lot of

Carmel River Beach at the lagoon (south end of Carmelo Street in Carmel) at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Monday, October 20

HIKE: PINNACLES

This is the perfect time to hike the North Wilderness Trail. Plan to spend all day. Call leader one week ahead for meeting place and time, or call will not be returned. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Tuesday, October 21

SENIOR HIKE: NISENE MARKS

4-mile shady hike of the Hoffman Loop starting at Porter Picnic area. Narrow trails with some uphill to Hoffman Site. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or the dirt parking lot before the Park entrance. Bring lunch, water, sit upon, repellent, \$2 carpool and share of entrance fee. Restrooms. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 475-4185.

Wednesday, October 22

HIKE: WINDY HILL

This trail traverses an area of high grassy slopes that can be seen from most of the Bay Area. From the top, views over the ocean give the trail its name as currents of wind wash over the ridge. Don't let this scare you off, because the protected Hamms Gulch Trail descends through a Doug fir forest with rays of sunlight shining between massive trees. 8 miles. Bring lunch and water. From Hwy. 280 take Alpine

turn-off to Portola Rd. Right on Portola for a short distance to a 10:10 a.m. start. To carpool (\$5) meet at 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, October 23

WALK: PG & MONTEREY TRAILS

We'll check out two short trails recently in the news: PG/Asilomar & Veterans Memorial Park areas. Both have been long used by the public, and now their use is being challenged. 5 miles of easy walking. Call for meeting location, time and reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Sunday, October 26

HIKE: SALINAS RIVER STATE BEACH

We'll hike 4 miles south along the pristine beach to the mouth of the river in the Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge. After a short break, we'll return for an optional lunch at Phil's seafood restaurant in Moss Landing. Excellent opportunities to view shorebirds and marine mammals. From Hwy. 1, take Moss Landing Rd. to Sandholdt Rd. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot on the left after crossing the bridge. (Do not take Potrero Rd.) 8 miles with no elevation gain. Rain cancels. Leader: Eugene Sobka, 449-0873.

Sunday, October 26

HIKE: PALO CORONA TO ROCKY RIDGE

Let's get in a good hike before Daylight Savings ends. We'll begin this 12 mile jaunt at the Palo Corona trailhead, hike up and down 3000' of ranch roads to the south, eventually crossing Mal Paso Creek, then exit via the Rocky Ridge Trail of Garrapata State Park. Bring food and water. Space is limited; call for reservation. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Tuesday, October 28

SENIOR HIKE: MT. MADONNA

Located off Hwy. 152, this is a moderate 3-1/2 mile hike. We'll return via Gizdich Farms for dessert. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Avenue. To go direct, meet by 10:00 a.m. just beyond park's kiosk entrance by restrooms or call leader. Bring lunch, water, \$4 carpool and share of entrance fee. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.



NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 1

HIKE: BIG CREEK/CANOGAS FALLS

The UCSC Reserve at Big Creek was very lucky: the big fire this summer stopped right at their borders. And we're lucky to have a reservation to hike up to the High Camp where we'll leave our lunches. From here, just with water, we'll hike down 1,000' to the Canogas Falls, the largest waterfall deep inside Big Sur. After a late lunch, eventually back down over the meadows with the ocean always shimmering beneath us. Wonderful! A strenuous day with 14 miles and 3000' elevation gain. Bring a hearty lunch and lots of water, hiking poles and a hat. Please call before. Meet at Rio Road Park and Ride at 7:45 a.m. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Saturday, November 1

HIKE: BUZZARDS ROOST & SEMPERVIRENS FALLS

A 9-mile loop hike, with 1200' elevation gain, beginning and ending at the Big Basin headquarters. We'll follow the Pine Mountain Trail to Buzzards Roost at 2200' where we'll visit the satellite tracking station at the rocky butte before returning to the Blooms Creek Trail. We'll follow this trail, the East Ridge Trail and the Shadowbrook Trail to Sempervirens Falls then back. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m., or at Felton Fair at 9:20 a.m. Bring water, lunch and \$5 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Sunday, November 2

HIKE: PESCADERO CREEK

A meandering hike through mixed woodlands in this county park. Lunch on the deck of the Sierra Club hiker hut. 10 miles and 1000' elevation gain. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:00 a.m. Remember to set your clock back! Call for details. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

Wednesday, November 5

HIKE: HAKONE GARDENS & MONTALVO

We'll start in Hakone Gardens, an 18-acre Japanese garden started by the Stine family in 1915. Japanese gardeners were hired to bring from Japan a tea house and reconstruct it in the center of a garden which was designed to be like Fuji-Hakone National Park in Japan. After lunch, we'll walk the hillsides and formal gardens of Montalvo Arts Center, a Mediterranean



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Tuesday, November 11
SENIOR WALK: LEVEE TO HARBOR

Casual walk along River Street levee to museum on East Cliff for a short stopover then onto the yacht harbor for lunch. Bring lunch or visit a restaurant. 5 miles. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or Gateway Plaza on River Street by Ross at 9:50 a.m. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Wednesday, November 12
HIKE: PURISIMA CREEK

See breathtaking ocean views, towering redwoods and firs, a picturesque creek, and plentiful wildlife and ferns. "Purisima" means pristine, and it surely is the best 9-mile hike that I have taken recently. We'll start from the coast entrance along the flat creek trail where every part of the creek could be a stunning calendar picture. We'll go up Soda Gulch Trail and along the ridge for ocean views, then down the steep Whittemore Gulch Trail. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. to carpool (\$6) or at the trailhead off Hwy. 1 north to Verde Road for 1/4 mile, and then continue onto Purisima Creek Rd 3.7 miles. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, November 15
WALK: PEBBLE BEACH/ASILOMAR

4-mile loop hike, starting on neighborhood streets and then thru dunes between fairways, out to Point Joe and back along the beach boardwalk. Quiet neighborhood, beach wildflowers, possible wildlife to be seen. Meet across from the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Drive and Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove at 9:00 a.m. Back about noon; bring snack and water. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Saturday, November 15
HIKE: WUNDERLICH COUNTY PARK

An 8-mile loop starting at the parking area off Woodside Rd. west of I-280. The hike will be in the mountains behind the horse stables on the old Folger Coffee family estate. We'll hike on the Bear Gulch, Alambique, Meadow, Redwood, and Madrone Trails in this 942-acre park with a 1,000' elevation gain. This is one of the most ecologically-diverse and beautiful parks east of Skyline Boulevard, 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 of the Alambique" and the "Salamander Flat," with its emerald reservoir—a popular hangout for newts. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m., or at Felton Fair at 8:50 a.m. Bring water, lunch and \$7 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Monday, November 17
HIKE: PINNACLES

This is a very strenuous hike of the South Wilderness Loop, not for the weak! Cool weather will help us on this breathtaking challenge. Reserve all day; it will be worth every minute of it. Call me one week ahead for time and meeting place or call will not be returned. Bring food and water. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Tuesday, November 18
HIKE: PEBBLE BEACH

We'll hike a figure 8 through serene pine forests and open meadows of Pebble Beach. Lunch gives us the option of a sandwich at Poppy Hills. 6-1/2 miles, 850' elevation gain, moderate pace with flora & fauna stops. Arrive early, leave at 9:30 a.m. sharp from the Safeway parking lot recycle shed on Hwy. 68 in P.G. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Wednesday, November 19
HIKE: WADDELL CREEK TO BERRY FALLS

One of our favorite hikes is on this trail that starts at Rancho Del Oso by the coast and follows Waddell Creek up to the Berry Creek waterfall for lunch. The trail passes between private lands with organic gardens and redwood groves. After crossing the creek, the trail winds uphill and narrows. Boots recommended for this 9-mile hike with 800' elevation gain. We'll pass the site of Herbert Hoover Jr's camp when he was a boy building fences on the ranch. Bring lunch, water and \$5 carpool. Meet at Sears 41st Avenue at 9:00 a.m. or at the trailhead on Hwy. 1 across from the bus stop at Waddell Beach at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Wednesday, November 19
SENIOR HIKE: MANZANITA PARK

NOTE: THIS HIKE IS ON WEDNESDAY. A moderate, hilly 3-mile hike in North Monterey County. On a clean day, see the ocean and Fremont Peak. Lunch at picnic tables. Restrooms available. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave or at Manzanita. Call leader for directions. Bring lunch, water, \$5 carpool. Leader: Bev Meschi, 475-4185.

Saturday, November 22
HIKE: FORT ORD PUBLIC LANDS

There are so many places to visit in this federal open space; we'll come up with something different to see. Estimate 8 miles with 1000' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Mar Monte exit off Hwy. 1 on the way to Watsonville to carpool. Call Nick for more information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, November 23
HIKE: GARLAND RANCH

Need to work up an appetite for Turkey Day? Let's hope for a clear day and puff up and down a few hills somewhere around Garland Ranch. Slow pace; under 5 miles. Dress in layers; bring lunch, water, and optional hiking stick to help on tricky trail spots. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the main parking lot (not up on the shoulder of CV road!) or if coming from town, check (no leader) for carpoolers at the Rio Road Park and Ride at 9:40 a.m. Real rain cancels! Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Sunday, November 23
HIKE: PINNACLES

Rising out of the chaparral-covered Gabilan Mountains, east of Central California's Salinas Valley, are the spectacular remains of an ancient volcano. Massive monoliths, spires, sheer-walled canyons and talus passages define millions of years of erosion, faulting and tectonic plate movement. Within the monument's boundaries lie 24,000 acres of diverse wildlands. We'll hike about 10 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Bring food and plenty of water. Call for carpool details by Friday. Leader: John Hower-ton, 476-4253.

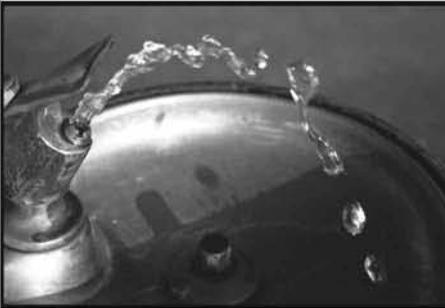
Tuesday, November 25
HIKE: JACK'S PEAK

Jack's Peak offers quiet, forested trails with spectacular views of Monterey, the Bay and Carmel Valley. 5-1/2 miles with 700' elevation gain. Moderate pace with stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early, leave



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at 9:30 a.m. sharp from the northwest corner of Whole Foods parking lot in Monterey. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, November 29
HIKE: OLD COACH ROAD

We'll start on Crazy Horse Road, drive for a while on the Old Coast Road, and finally hike all the way over the hills and down to San Juan Bautista. After lunch and exploring the Mission and old town, back the same way. 12 miles and 1000' elevation gain. Bring hat, water, and lunch, or \$ for a sit down in a cafe. Wear good shoes; bring your hiking poles. Meet at Home Depot in Seaside near the gas station at 8:30 a.m. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Saturday, November 29
HIKE: ELKHORN SLOUGH

A 5-1/2 mile hike, with minimal elevation change, through California's first National Estuarine Research Reserve. We'll venture to several slough overlooks, the old dairy site, Hummingbird Island, a eucalyptus grove, and oak woodlands. Along the way, we may see Peregrine Falcons, Brown Pelicans, Red-tailed Hawks, Great and Snowy Egrets, and other wetland inhabitants. Meet at Sears 41st Avenue at 9:30 a.m. or at the reserve's parking lot at 1700 Elkhorn Road. Bring water, lunch, \$2.50 day-use fee, and \$4 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Sunday, November 30
HIKE: SOBERANES CREEK/ROCKY RIDGE

5-mile loop with 1700' elevation gain. We'll follow the Soberanes Creek Trail into a verdant redwood grove, then climb steeply to grassy knolls for great views at lunch. We'll descend Rocky Ridge with more fine views. Boots recommended; hiking poles helpful. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Rio Road Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Call for reservation. Leader: DJ Goehring, 277-9908.

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 2
HIKE: MITTELDORF/NATURE TRAIL

Our hike winds along Williams Creek through a lovely redwood forest where we'll see what is said to be the County's largest redwood. 6 miles with little elevation gain. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early, leave at 9:30 a.m. sharp

from Rio Road Park & Ride. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Wednesday, December 3
HIKE: QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH

This county park, once an Ohlone Indian camp, was homesteaded by Joseph Kenville who sold his produce to the booming logging towns in the San Lorenzo Valley. We'll start our 6-mile hike at the park center home that was built by the family that developed Sunset Magazine. The home has been preserved with '50s furnishings. The pond is habitat for frogs, and the sandhills home for rare plants. The Italian Trail takes us up through chaparral. The Sunset Trail goes uphill to the Vista Point. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. to carpool (\$3) or at the park at 9:35 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Saturday, December 6
HIKE: GARLAND PARK

We'll hike up to the Mesa via Buckeye and Waterfall Trails on this 4-mile+ hike. We'll come back via Fern, Mesa, and Lupine Loop trails. Nice valley views; trails may be muddy. Meet at Save Mart to carpool at 9:00 a.m., or if at Garland Park, please call leader. Bring food and water. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Saturday - Sunday, December 6 - 7
CARRIZO PLAIN WORK PARTY/CARCAMP

Fencing built for ranches in what is now the Carrizo Plain National Monument are deadly to the beautiful pronghorn antelope that live there. Much progress has been made removing this fencing, and it is making a difference. Join us for the weekend as we remove more fencing to assist the pronghorn. Camp at Selby Campground. Bring food, all your water, heavy leather work gloves, and camping gear for the weekend. Potluck Sat. night. Rain cancels. For more information, contact Leaders: Cal and Letty French, (e-mail preferred) lettyfrench@gmail.com or cal.french@gmail.com, or 14140 Chimney Rock Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446, (805-239-7338).

Tuesday, December 9
HOLIDAY LUNCH

Our holiday lunch this year will be either at Linwood's at Chaminate or Severino's. Leader is working out menu options and prices. Flyers will be available at hikes for sign ups. But, it will be great!!!!!!! Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.



Wednesday, December 10
HIKE: CAPITOLA / APTOS BEACHES

Our beaches are beautiful and uncrowded in the winter. Starting at New Brighton Beach will allow us to go both ways into Capitola along the bluffs past the butterfly trees and along the railroad track though Seacliff to the Esplanade in Aptos. We'll walk back along the sand for about 1-1/2 miles if the tide permits, or we can hike along the bluff. Bring lunch and water. 7 miles. To carpool (\$1) meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:00 a.m. or at the parking lot at the beach inside the park at 9:20 a.m. Leader: Diane Cornell, 423-5925.

Thursday, December 11
HIKE: CARMEL TO PEBBLE BEACH

This nice lollipop loop begins in Carmel and leads into the quiet forest of Pebble Beach. Lunch gives us the option of a sandwich at Poppy Hills. 6-1/2 miles, 750' elevation gain, moderate pace with flora & fauna stops. Arrive early, leave at 10:00 a.m. sharp from the Rio Road Park & Ride. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, December 13
HIKE: GROVER GULCH / BATES CREEK

A 6-mile loop beginning from the Land of the Medicine Buddha. We'll hike up through beautiful Grover Gulch, into the southwest corner of Nisene Marks, and return along the ridge above Bates Creek. This moderate hike, with a 500' elevation gain, passes through second-growth redwoods and allows views of many of the features of the Land of the Medicine Buddha. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch, and \$2 carpool. Leader: Ed Gilbert, 685-8389.

Saturday, December 13
HIKE: OLD COAST RD. TO BIG SUR

This unpaved road in Big Sur makes a lovely long hike. It's 11 miles up and down through fern-lined redwood canyons with views out to the coast and inland to Pico Blanco. Car shuttle. Expect moderate to strenuous hills at a leisurely pace. Bring lunch and water; meet at the Rio Road Park and Ride at 9:00 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Saturday, December 13
HIKE: BONNY DOON PRESERVE

This Fish and Game Preserve burned in a very big way this summer. Although now closed, I have been told by a F&G ranger that it will be re-opened by December. It will be interesting

to see Mother Nature's fire management methods in this fire-prone area. 6 miles with 800' elevation gain. If it's closed, we'll do something else, probably in the Bonny Doon area. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Rain cancels. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, December 14
HIKE: MOSS LANDING

Fish Fry anyone? Let's hike over to Phil's at Moss Landing and back again. We'll walk north from the lot off Potrero Road along the beach to the "island," and return by an inland route. Meet at Home Depot in Seaside (near the gas station) at 10:00 a.m. Wear layers, bring water, optional binoculars, and \$\$ for gas and chow (or you could bring PB&J to eat on the beach). If coming from further north, meet us at the end of Potrero Road in Moss Landing by 10:30 a.m. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Sunday, December 21
HIKE: WADDELL CREEK, BIG BASIN

Starting at Hwy. 1 we'll hike the Skyline to the Sea trail and McCrary ridge to the Mt McAbee overlook returning via the Howard King and Skyline to the Sea Trails with a short side trip to Berry Creek Falls. 12 miles; 1700' elevation gain. Dress in layers, bring lunch and plenty of water. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

Monday-Saturday, December 29 - January 3
CARRIZO PLAIN WORK PARTY

Celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next in one of our new national monuments. The Carrizo Plain near San Luis Obispo, is a vast grassland, home to pronghorn antelope, tule elk, kit fox, and a wide variety of birds. A welcome hike Dec. 29, 3-1/2 days of service modifying barbed wire fencing, and a full day for hiking and exploring are planned. Accommodations at Goodwin Ranch included. Limited to 12 participants, \$30 covers five dinners. For more information, contact leader: Craig Deutsche, deutsche@earthlink.net, (310-477-6670), or co-leader Melinda Goodwater, mgoodwater@sbcglobal.net, (408-774-1257).

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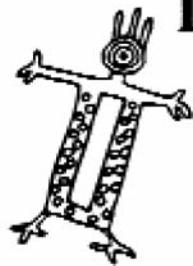
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