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Veronica (in navy suit) and Kasey Hegelein (in striped suit) enjoy the surf at Seabright State Beach.

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Your vote is very important

At this election time we encourage our members to vote for the environment and commit time to work on local and statewide campaigns supported by the Club. This effort also includes reaching out to friends and family throughout the state who may not have access to the same information you receive in our newsletter. Connecting to a wide circle of voters with emails and phone calls can have a great impact on the outcome of the elections and make a difference in the direction State Government takes in planning for clean air, global warming, parkland, a sustainable water supply, and clean energy.

Defeating Proposition 23, a ballot initiative to suspend California law curbing greenhouse gas emissions (AB 32- the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006), is a national priority for Sierra Club. Records show more than \$8 million has been spent on the ballot measure, 80% of which has come from special interests including oil companies outside of California. The oil companies funding Prop 23 are being criticized by a wide spectrum of businesses, newspapers, and independent economists in addition to conservation organizations for the deceptive nature of their campaign and false claims.

VOTE!

Sierra Club California Endorses the Following Candidates:

UNITED STATES SENATE

✓ Barbara Boxer

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

✓ Anna Eshoo, District 14

✓ Sam Farr, District 17

STATE:

✓ Jerry Brown - Governor

✓ Gavin Newsom - Lieutenant Governor

✓ Kamala Harris - Attorney General

✓ Dave Jones - Insurance Commissioner

✓ Debra Bowen - Secretary of State

✓ Bill Lockyer - Treasurer

✓ John Chiang - Controller

✓ Bill Monning - Assembly District 27

No on Prop 18 (water bond)

Yes on Prop 21 (state parks funding)

No on Prop 23 (suspend clean energy law)

Yes on Prop 25 (ease budget gridlock)

No on Prop 26 (polluter protection act)

MARINA:

✓ Bruce Delgado - Mayor

✓ David Burnett - City Council

✓ Tom Moore - Marina Coast Water District Board

Club members have high hopes that Proposition 21, the State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010, will pass. This measure will provide designated, reliable funding to the 278 parks in the State Park System which has a backlog of more than a billion dollars in needed repairs and improvements. More funding will help with operation, maintenance, and repair of facilities, including visitor centers,

restrooms, campsites, and ranger stations in the State Park System. It will also expand public access to State Parks and improve protection for our natural and cultural resources, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat.

Please clip the voter guide below and take it to the polls with you. Support protection of the environment with your vote.

—Rita Dalessio



Shop locally

Times are hard now. We all know someone who either has been laid off, is on furlough one or more days a month, or is looking for work. Those of us lucky enough to have a good income despite the difficulties can help our community and the environment by shopping locally.

You may notice that one of our long-time advertisers no longer has an ad in this issue of *The Ventana*. That's because Bugaboo, a camping and clothing store in downtown Santa Cruz, has closed its doors forever. We have heard the owner is filing for bankruptcy.

I remember back to 1995 when Bugaboo was moving from its upstairs location on the southern part of Pacific Avenue to the location it occupied for the next 15 years across from Bookshop Santa Cruz. In preparation for the move uptown everything was marked way down.

It was approaching my third wedding anniversary. I called up Richard. "I don't know what you're supposed to buy as a third wedding anniversary gift," I ad-

mitted, "but what do you say to two pair of snowshoes?" He agreed, and my good judgment in choosing a compatible partner was validated.

Why is it important to shop locally?

- Local purchases support local sales taxes which pay for our police and fire services, our local parks and buses among other services.

- Local businesses employ our friends and neighbors.

- When we shop locally, we usually drive less.

- When we spend money locally, more of that money stays in our community as the business owners in turn spend their income on food, clothing, and advertising for their businesses. It is estimated that for every \$100 spent locally, \$45 continues to recirculate locally compared to only \$13 from non-local businesses.

- When we purchase goods that are not only from local businesses, but are also made or grown locally, we help the environment by decreasing the carbon footprint of the product. It is not trucked from 2,000 miles away or worse, shipped from halfway around the world, but grown or created right in our own backyard.

Think about the power of your purchases. Support businesses which advertise in *The Ventana* and other local businesses. Let's make our dollars count.

—Debbie Bulger



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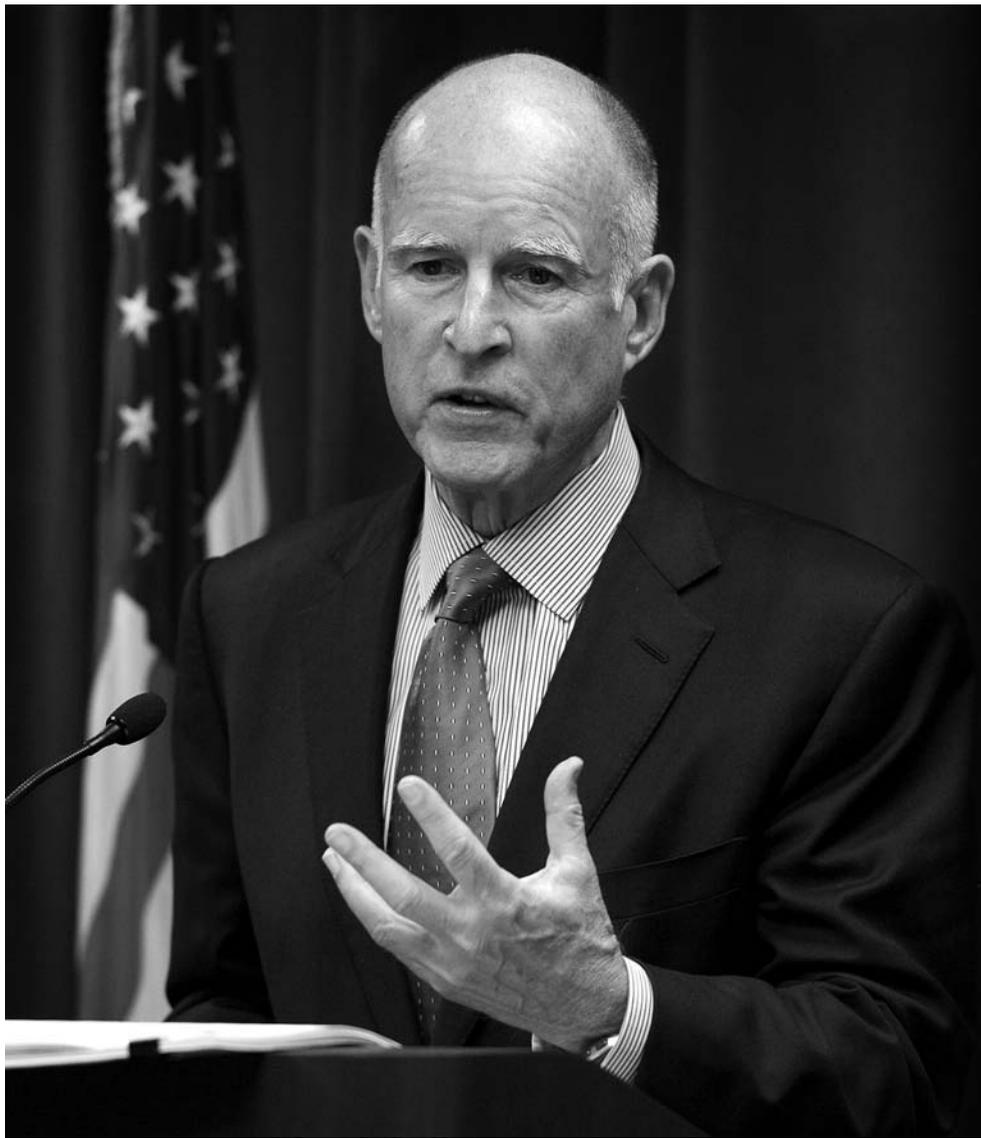
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Jerry Brown is the environmental choice for governor

The choices that Californians make in this November's election will have critical impacts on our ability to develop a clean energy economy, live free of toxic harm, and preserve our precious parks. No vote will be more important to our future than the choice of our next Governor. The clear choice for anyone who cares about our environment is Jerry Brown.

When one compares Brown to Meg Whitman on their records, commitment, and platforms, the Attorney General wins hands down in each category. While Whitman could rarely even be bothered to cast a vote until she decided she'd like to buy a term as Governor, Brown has a distinguished record of advancing clean technology, safeguarding our coastline, mountains, and deserts, and cracking down on pollution.

As Governor, Brown established California as a leader in solar and wind power, cut air pollution by almost 50%, adopted money-saving efficiency standards for buildings and appliances, fended off federal efforts to expand offshore oil drilling, and added more than 700,000 acres to the state parks system. As Attorney General, he has worked with cities and counties to develop long-term growth plans to reduce pollution and traffic (including a groundbreaking set-

tlement with the City of Stockton of a suit initially brought by Sierra Club), defended California's pioneering clean-car standards against the auto industry, and stopped Bush Administration efforts to weaken pollution curbs.

In a meeting with Sierra Club California leaders, Brown demonstrated a commitment to environmental values, grasp of complex energy issues, and wisdom derived from actually having sat in the Governor's chair. His environmental platform (read it yourself at <http://www.jerrybrown.org/environment>) details his plans to reduce air pollution, promote clean energy and jobs, protect our coast and ocean resources, reduce toxic chemicals, build livable communities, protect parks, open space and wildlife, and conserve California's rich farmland.

In contrast, Whitman spent the primary campaign pandering to polluters by bashing environmentalists and key protections like AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act. Since the primary, she has tried to get out of the far-right corner she painted herself into, declaring herself an environmentalist and waffling on key issues like global warming and offshore oil drilling.

For all these reasons, Sierra Club California enthusiastically endorses Jerry Brown for Governor.

Election Endorsements

Vote November 2

Vote for Senator Barbara Boxer

Senator Barbara Boxer is a true environmental hero who has been a staunch supporter of Sierra Club concerns throughout her 28 years in Congress.

As chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Senator Boxer is now setting the environmental agenda in Washington. She wrote the 2007 law requiring federal buildings to use technologies that reduce energy use and pollution, and is committed to the passage of long-overdue legislation to make the United States the world's leader in carbon reduction. She consistently advocates for the creation of clean energy jobs.

For three decades—ever since her days as a Marin County supervisor—she has led the battle to protect the California coast from offshore oil drilling and to clean up toxic wastes, and as a senator she has been in the vanguard of preserving the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Her sponsorship of the California Wild Heritage



Wilderness Act has led to the designation of more than a million acres of federal land as wilderness.

Senator Boxer has accomplished a great deal, and it is absolutely vital to keep her in the Senate fighting for the environment—combating climate change, preserving our natural wonders, and keeping pollution from ravaging our land, our water, and the health of our communities. In this difficult political year, facing an opponent whose financial resources appear limitless, her campaign depends on getting out the vote.

Please be sure to vote for Barbara Boxer on November 2: our state, our nation, and our planet depend on her.

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State and National



Gavin Newsom for Lieutenant Governor

Sierra Club California has endorsed Gavin Newsom for Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor serves on several State commissions that make important environmental decisions, including the State Lands Commission and the Ocean Protection Council.

Newsom has served as Mayor of San Francisco since 2004 and was a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors from 1997 to 2004. During this time, he has advanced numerous laws and policies to protect the environment that serve as national models. He authored the strongest municipal green building standards in the nation for new construction and renovations of buildings. Under his tenure, San Francisco became the first city to prohibit the usage of disposable plastic bags in large stores, the first to phase out municipal use

of plastic water bottles, and the first to require mandatory recycling and composting in all of the city's buildings. Also, under Newsom, the city has achieved a 7% verified reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels, with a goal of reducing emissions to 20% by 2012.

Newsom is running against the current Lieutenant Governor, Abel Maldonado, who is from Santa Maria. Maldonado, formerly a State Senator, was appointed to his current post this year by Governor Schwarzenegger. Over his last four years in the Legislature, between 2006 and 2009, Maldonado voted for only 11 out of 41 top priority green bills.

If elected Lieutenant Governor, Newsom will advocate for the preservation of California's coast and ocean. He opposes the expansion of offshore oil drilling. Newsom's leadership in San Francisco has made it one of the greenest cities in the world. Vote for Newsom for Lieutenant Governor.

Bill Monning

California State Assembly
27th District

Sierra Club endorses Bill Monning for a second term as Assembly member for AD 27 which includes coastal communities in Monterey County, and portions of Santa Cruz County and Santa Clara County.



This year Monning introduced AB 1956 which provides guidelines to ensure a long-term safe and reliable food supply for the California condor, while also fostering additional collaboration with the Department of Fish and Game to recover this species to the wild.

Monning also introduced a resolution in the Assembly urging the federal government to protect public health and the environment by requiring the disclosure of ingredients in pesticides.

Anna Eshoo, District 14

Sam Farr, District 17

U.S. House of Representatives

Representatives Anna Eshoo and Sam Farr have earned endorsement by the Sierra Club for reelection to the House of Representatives.



Eshoo is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. She has received the highest rating from the League of Conservation Voters.

Farr is co-chair of the House Oceans Caucus and continues to provide leadership on ocean policy in Congress. During his tenure in Congress, he has consistently fought for funding and development of ocean activities and programs.



Reelect Bill Lockyer State Treasurer



Sierra Club California has endorsed Bill Lockyer for a second term as State Treasurer. Lockyer is working to fight global warming and stimulate California's green economy. During his first term as State Treasurer, he restored and reinvigorated the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority within the Treasurer's Office that provides financing for alternative energy. He also directed the state to invest \$300 million in World Bank green bonds to finance projects to fight global warming—the first purchase by a U.S. investor.



During last year's debate over the \$11.1 billion water bond, Lockyer argued against the use of general obligation bonds to fund water projects, agreeing with Sierra Club's position. Also, his office has partnered with the Air Resources Board to provide truckers loan guarantees to help them get financing they need to comply with diesel emissions rules.

Prior to his election to Treasurer in 2006, Lockyer served two terms as Attorney General and served 25 years in the California Legislature. As Attorney General, Lockyer

successfully sued several of the nation's largest coal-fired utilities to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions through a "public nuisance" lawsuit that is working its way to the US Supreme Court. He defended California's landmark law to curb global warming emissions from cars and trucks, against a court challenge by automakers. During his legislative career, he wrote many groundbreaking environmental laws, including the first state regulation of trucks hauling toxic substances on California roads and highways, which preceded federal policies adopted by the EPA.

Lockyer considers his signature environmental achievement to be his 1987 bill to create a Bay Trail, an eventual 500-mile-long hiking and cycling path that would entirely encircle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. The Bay Trail marked its 20th year in 2009 with 293 miles so far open to hikers, bicyclists, joggers and walkers, some of whom use it to commute.

Lockyer is running against Senator Mimi Walters from San Diego. In 2009 and 2008, Walters voted for zero of the Club's 25 top priority green bills.

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Vote NO on Proposition 23

Our planet's health depends on you

An item on this November's ballot could be hazardous to our health. Proposition 23 would reverse California's landmark 2006 clean energy and climate change solutions legislation (AB 32).

With Washington's continued lack of action, California's AB 32 is the country's best model for addressing climate change and moving to a clean energy economy. Three of the nation's most polluting oil companies are pouring in millions of out-of-state dollars to kill AB32 and preserve their dirty energy profits at our expense.

Prop 23 threatens California in four key ways. It would:

- Set back efforts to curb climate change in California and the nation for decades. We would fail to meet greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements in our state while the world is in danger of exceeding the tipping points for devastating impacts on climate, sea level, ocean acidification, and extinction of species.
- Kill California's emerging clean energy industry, which has brought billions in investment funding to California due to AB32. 500,000 clean energy jobs and 12,000 businesses are at risk, as well as California's leadership position in this important rising industry.
- Worsen air pollution, resulting in more preventable illnesses and deaths.
- Prolong our dependence on oil, a significant security and economic threat.

Don't believe the oil company lies

Valero, Tesoro, and Koch, the out-of-state oil companies primarily funding Prop 23, say this is a "temporary suspension," but it is an outright attempt at repeal; the requirement of a full year of below 5.5% unemployment may take decades to achieve. They'd also like you to believe this is an honest debate between Californians, but California's elected representatives voted to enact AB 32, while 97% of the mon-

97% OF THE MONEY FOR PROP 23 IS FROM OIL COMPANIES

ey for Prop 23 is coming from oil companies, and 89% is coming from out of state. Prop 23 is opposed by a large and diverse cross section of California businesses and organizations, including clean technology businesses, large companies like Google, eBay and PG&E, unions, civic groups, and all major environmental organizations.

It is imperative that we defeat Prop 23 and defeat it *soundly*.

There should be no mistaking California voters' support for moving towards securer, cleaner energy. We can't give oil companies reason to believe that spending another \$10M would do the job; we can't let our elected officials waffle on enforcing AB 32; and, we need to strengthen the resolve of local governments—and Washington—to enact and enforce climate change legislation. That's why *each of us* must do what we can to defeat Prop 23 by a wide margin. Below are some easy but effective ways to reach that goal.

How to help defeat Prop 23

- ✓ Sign up for campaign updates at www.stopdirtyenergyprop.com.
- ✓ Make sure you vote (Election Day is Nov 2; check your registration status or request an absentee ballot).

Vote YES on Prop 25 to ease budget gridlock and curb anti-environmental schemes

Sierra Club supports Proposition 25, which would allow state budgets to be passed by a simple majority of each house of the Legislature. The anti-democratic two-thirds requirement for passing budgets has created opportunities for anti-environmental mischief. One of the most egregious examples came in 2007, when 14 Senate Republicans held the budget

The Polluter Protection Act, aka Prop 26

Vote NO

by Bill Magavern, Director, Sierra Club California

Some bad ideas refuse to die. Ten years ago, California's voters killed off The Polluter Protection Act, Prop 37. Big Oil and Big Tobacco have spent the decade since then looking for an opportunity to bring this big ugly initiative back. They've decided that this is the year to raid your wallet.

The core question raised by Prop 26 is: who pays? Who pays to clean up air pollution, oil spills and toxic waste? Who pays for the health consequences of tobacco and alcohol addiction, of lead poisoning, and diesel exhaust? Exxon, Phillip Morris, and the other special interests behind Prop 26 want you, the taxpayers, to pay. They want to get off the hook for mitigating the damage they do.

Prop 26 would reclassify many fees as taxes, so that they would require a two-thirds majority of each house of the Legislature, or, at the local level, a two-thirds vote by the electorate. The oil, tobacco, and liquor industries want to make it virtually impossible to require polluters and other creators of nuisances to pay to clean up their own messes. Their measure would overturn the unanimous 1997 decision of the California Supreme Court, *Sinclair Paint Company v. Board of Equalization*, which upheld the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 1991. In that case, the paint company tried to avoid its responsibility for having put toxic lead in its products, and the Court upheld the Legislature's ability pass mitigation fees by majority vote.

Fees assessed on polluters provide vital funding for essential programs that safeguard Californians' health and environment. For example, fees support efforts to prevent oil spills, clean up hazardous waste, replace dirty diesel engines, recycle electronic wastes, and safeguard workers and communities from toxic pesticides. These charges save taxpayers money and put the costs of environmental protections on those who have created the problems.

If polluter-pays assessments are blocked in the future by an anti-democratic two-thirds vote requirement, those costs will instead fall on the General Fund, which already has a huge deficit. Make no mistake about it: the Polluter Protection Act is a budget-buster. According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, Prop 26's effect on just one transportation measure would blow a \$1 billion hole in the General Fund, making much less money available for schools, healthcare, and other pressing needs.

Sierra Club California joins the League of Women Voters, American Lung Association, California Nurses Association, local governments, Peace Officers Research Association of California, California Federation of Teachers, Consumer Federation of California, and many others in opposing Prop 26. For more information, please go to www.stoppolluterprotection.com.

Vote no on Prop 26.

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Clean up your poison

In September Federal Judge Robert Chambers ordered Patriot Coal to pay \$45 million to treat toxic selenium from two of its coal mines in West Virginia. This ruling sets important precedent for other coal companies to prevent their toxic mining waste from polluting nearby streams and communities.

Selenium, a toxic element that causes reproductive failure and deformities in fish and other forms of aquatic life, is discharged from many surface coal mining operations across Appalachia, and is commonly found in coal combustion byproducts like coal ash. Selenium bio-accumulates in the

tissues of aquatic organisms, and experts predict that waterways across Appalachia could be on the brink of collapse due to increasing levels of the pollutant.

Dramatic asthma demo

At a hearing on Central Valley smog in Arvin, the EPA Region 9 administrator looked on in horror as a small girl had an asthma attack and had to be rushed to medical care. The incident dramatically illustrated the human costs of poor air quality.

Make your hair stand on end

Want a scare before Halloween? Need a push to get yourself to the polls on Election Day? Check out Rand Paul in a new video produced by the Sierra Club. Visit www.sierraclub.org/randpaul.

Shopping assistant

Walking to the grocery store or hardware store has become easier with a mushrooming of styles and types of rolling carts. Previously called "granny carts" these wheeled beasts of burden are staging a comeback. Some have three wheels for climbing stairs; others have handles that let you hang them from the shopping cart while you are in the store. With the gas money you save you could buy more chocolate! Fair trade of course.



Gender-bender will be regulated

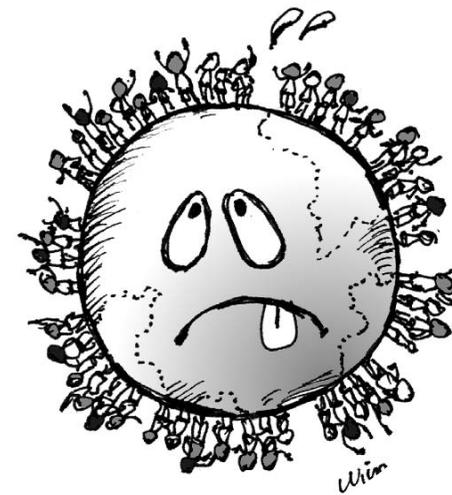
The EPA has begun the process to regulate nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEs) a highly toxic, gender-bending chemical widely used in industrial laundry detergents. Exposure to NPEs has been shown to create "intersex" fish. Detergents with NPEs have been banned in Europe and Canada for almost a decade. There are safe alternatives.

Mud can hurt salmon

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in August that mud washing off logging roads is pollution and ordered the EPA to write regulations to reduce the amount that reaches salmon streams. If the ruling stands, logging roads will eventually have to be upgraded to meet Clean Water Act standards.

More MPG

The Sierra Club has joined with other environmental organizations to lobby for increased fuel efficiency standards for new cars and light trucks sold from 2017 through 2025. The coalition is calling for at least 60 MPG by 2025. If you want an easy way to send an email to the Department of Transportation and EPA, visit www.go60mpg.org.



Approaching 7 billion

You can watch the population of the world increase (it's approaching 7 billion) and watch the acreage of forests decrease in real time on your computer. Just go to www.poodwaddle.com/worldclock.swf.

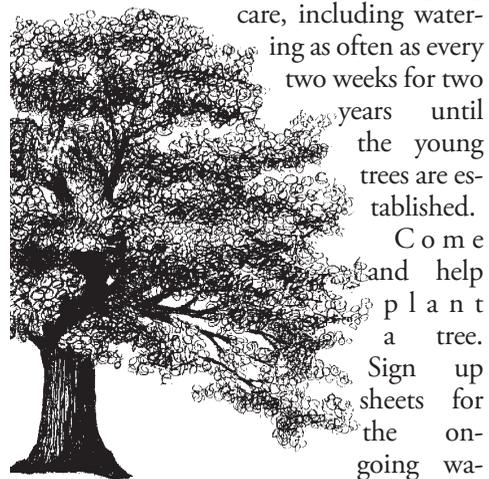
Local hero

For the third year in a row *Sierra Magazine* named UCSC one of the top 20 U.S. colleges for efforts to stop climate change and educate students about sustainability. Five California schools were named to the list. Stanford University ranked 5, UC Irvine 6, UCSC 11, UC San Diego 15, and UC Davis 16. The top ranked school was Green Mountain College in Vermont.

Help plant trees to curb Climate Change

On October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. community members are invited to help plant young oak trees in Harvey West Park as part of the new Santa Cruz City Climate Action Grove. Greg Cotten is spearheading the project with support from the Santa Cruz City Department of Parks & Recreation and the Climate Action Program. This is a free family event with activities for all ages.

The Climate Action Grove will be located next to Baseball Diamond #6 located along Evergreen Street across from the cemetery. The project is looking for people who want to help plant and provide ongoing



care, including watering as often as every two weeks for two years until the young trees are established. Come and help plant a tree. Sign up sheets for the ongoing watering effort will be available at that time. Tools, trees and planting expertise will be provided by the city. Information about the Santa Cruz City Climate Action Program and how you can participate will be available.

For more information contact Greg, openshorline@santacruztreetrust.org or 239-6192.

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The following activities are not sponsored or administered by the Sierra Club. The Club makes no representations or warranties about the safety, supervision, or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service.

Wilderness First Aid

Be prepared for an emergency when you are hiking or backpacking. Two-day, 20-hour wilderness first aid classes will be held at Big Sur Station with group camp at Pfeiffer State Park. Participants will learn fundamental wilderness medicine, develop judgment skills for outdoor emergencies, and earn CPR certificate from Backcountry Medical Guides. To register visit <http://backcountrymedicalguides.com>. \$190 cost includes some meals and camping fee.

October 9-10
December 18-19

Wednesday, October 20

State of our Oceans Lecture

Amber Mace, executive director of the Ocean Protection Council and Assistant Secretary for Coastal Matters in California will deliver the 5th Fred Keeley Lecture on Environmental Policy. She will speak on the state of our oceans today. FREE. 7:30 p.m. UCSC Music Recital Hall.

Tuesday, November 2

Election Day

Vote for the Environment on November 2. This year more than ever your vote will make a difference for renewable energy, curbing air pollution, and protecting our coast from oil

spills and other toxics. Cut out the Voter Guide on p. 2 and take it to the polls with you.

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, 236-0905, jshriner@mbay.net. Website: www.montereybaycnps.org.

Saturday, October 23

Volunteers are needed to weed invasives at Pilkington Creek, at the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History, 1305 East Cliff Drive. Remove English Ivy and New Zealand Mattress Wire Vine. Learn what plants belong in the riparian environment. Wear long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Bring gloves and tools if you have them. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more info, contact Nancy Lenz, 426-5252.

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

October 9, Natural Bridges State Park
October 23, Younger Lagoon, UCSC Natural Reserve
November 6, Sunset Beach State Park

Watsonville Fourth Saturday

Habitat restoration - Watsonville

Sponsored by Watsonville Wetlands Watch. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Meet at the Fitz Wetlands Educ. Resource Center at Pajaro Valley HS. Gloves, tools, and snack provided. Call Jonathan Pilch, 728-4106, for more info. No experience necessary.

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.

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Marina Candidates



Richard Newhouse

Tom Moore for Marina Coast Water District Board of Directors.

Dr. Tom Moore has been a Sierra Club member since 1978 and has supported a variety of environmental organizations over the years including Environmental Defense, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and the Nature Conservancy. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) for 17 years and before that served for three years as the chair of the District's Water Conservation Commission.

During these 20 years, Tom has been involved in the development of the District's water conservation ordinance, landscape design guidelines, MCWD's 300 acre-feet per year (AFY) desalination plant, and 300 AFY reclaimed water plant. He has also played a role in the development of the proposal for the Monterey County Regional Desalination Plant. Throughout the design and operation of these projects, Tom has advocated for the realistic assessment of project costs, impacts and limitations, and

the minimization of overall environmental impacts. As an industrial engineer, Tom has a good understanding of the complexities of water projects.

Tom is married to Dr. Monique Fargues, a Ventana Chapter hike leader. For more info, go to www.Moore4MCWD.org.



Gillian Burnett

David Burnett Marina City Council

As a 3-term City Planning Commissioner, David Burnett has consistently worked and voted to protect the environment and insure that city plans complied with CEQA regulations. As a citizen, he is a vocal advocate for more transparency in government, and he continues to call for a higher standard of sustainable design and construction through his involvement with the 188-acre Cypress Knolls project. David pledges to establish and follow policies and practices that guarantee the environment will be protected and increase the use of recycled materials, solar power, and water conservation in new developments. For more information, go to BurnettForCouncil.com.

Condos planned for Carmel Convalescent Hospital site

by Myrna Hampton, Save Our Carmel Neighborhoods Coalition

The Villas de Carmelo proposed project at the former Carmel Convalescent Hospital Site (Hwy. 1 and Valley Way) in unincorporated Carmel is coming to the Monterey County Planning Department soon. The project would cut 97 trees to accommodate 46 two- and three-story condominiums along the Scenic Hwy. 1 Corridor. The developer is asking for entitlements to amend the Carmel Area Land Use Plan, and a Local Coastal Amendment to create a high density designation in a single family residential neighborhood. The project also proposes modifications to the requirements of the County Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and would create more traffic at Hwy. 1 and Carpenter Street.

The DEIR for a previous project at the same site is being recirculated. It is the same project, but the previous developer, the Leidigs, are no longer involved. The cur-

rent developer is an upstate New York real estate firm called Widewaters, best known for their strip malls.

Comments submitted on this project can only address what is in the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR.)

The developer has chosen to address only four areas in the RDEIR:

1. Traffic and circulation,
2. Utilities and service systems
3. California Environmental Quality Act considerations
4. Alternative plans for the site.

The RDEIR is available at the Harrison Memorial Library and can be reviewed online at the Monterey County Planning Department's, website: www.co.monterey.ca.us/planning. Click on "Villas de Carmelo" then click on "RDEIR" to see the document. For more information contact, Save Our Carmel Neighborhood Coalition, 225 Crossroads Blvd, #206, Carmel, CA 93923, NeighborCoalition@aol.com.

Bruce Delgado for Mayor of Marina



Mayor Delgado (on the ground) after leading a Sierra Club volunteer work project in 2009 to San Benito County to install trail signs into "The Gorge."

Mayor Bruce Carlos Delgado attended Humboldt State University for his wildlife biology degree. As a student he founded the Campus Recycling Program which continues to this day. Since his graduation, Bruce has worked in central California as a botanist for the federal government, focusing on habitat restoration at Fort Ord since 1996.

Bruce's life mission is to help others understand the connections between the health of people and cities (including their economy) and that of the environment. After four years on City Council and two more as Mayor, Bruce continues working hard to make Marina a green-oriented and prosperous university town. Please vote for Bruce Delgado.

Local activism pays off for keeping Carmel Valley rural

by Christine Williams, President, Carmel Valley Association

Hard work and perseverance on the part of local activists, including the Carmel Valley Association and the Ventana Chapter members of the Sierra Club, have resulted in returning language to the Draft General Plan Update (GPU4) which would help preserve the rural character of Carmel Valley.

References to the importance of equestrian, bike, and pedestrian trails were put back into the Plan, as well as language pertaining to the upcoming private road ordinance. Additionally, three critical statements are now included:

- All policies, ordinances, and decisions regarding Carmel Valley shall be consistent with the goal of preserving Carmel Valley's rural character.
- In order to preserve the rural character of Carmel Valley, development shall follow a rural architectural theme with design review.
- Updates to the Master Plan shall include a public forum with the local citizen advisory committee to provide recommendations.

Although much has been accomplished, much remains to be done. Of grave concern is the change in traffic mitigation triggers for Carmel Valley Road, which allows for much higher numbers of vehicles than at

other places before developers are required to mitigate. The County has admitted that the assessment method had to be changed to allow development. There is a question as to the legality of these changes.

A 266-unit cap was placed on all new development in Carmel Valley. Rancho Cañada Village is preserved as a special treatment area, making it unnecessary to rezone their 10 lots for their 281 unit development. The subdivision moratorium will disappear upon approval of this plan.

Without further changes to the Plan, Carmel Valley would still be open to inappropriate development in spite of continuing traffic and water constraints.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors plans to certify the new General Plan in October. The entire proposed General Plan (including the Carmel Valley Master Plan) can be found at www.co.monterey.ca.us/planning. Scroll down and click on "Review Drafts of the General Plan."

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Just WHAT is the Soquel Demonstration Forest management trying to demonstrate?

by Jodi Frediani

The Soquel Demonstration State Forest (SDSF), adjacent to Nisene Marks State Park, was established in 1990 thanks to AB 1965, sponsored by then State Assemblymember, Sam Farr. The 2681-acre forest, previously owned by Pelican Timber Company and slated for extensive logging, became part of the 71,000-acre demonstration state forest system. Soquel Creek bisects the Forest.

AB 1965 clearly identified "watershed protection for local communities" along with "baseline monitoring and studies of the hazards, risks and benefits of forest operations and watershed to urban areas" as the primary purpose of the Forest. The legislative intent was also clear that public education and protection of old growth redwood trees would be key actions at the Forest, while also providing a "resource for the public, environmental groups, elected officials, environmental planners, and the educational community to learn about and evaluate forestry practices and their effects."

Current operations and proposed timber harvest plans for the Forest have not followed through with adequate watershed protection for anadromous fish or the community as required.

A 158-acre timber harvest plan (Rim) was recently approved for the eastern portion of Soquel Demonstration State Forest and a second timber harvest plan (Fern Gulch), originally submitted in 2004, is still under review. A number of problems have surfaced with the Fern Gulch Timber Harvest Plan which seem to indicate that the SDSF management has forgotten the primary purpose of this forest.

The main access road for the Forest and haul road for the proposed timber harvest suffered a significant failure along the bank of Soquel Creek in 2006. The eroded road edge and stream bank currently runs for a distance of 86 feet along the Creek. SDSF was awarded a FEMA grant in 2007 to repair the failure, and a contractor was hired to prepare a preliminary biological assessment. The Ventana only recently learned of the grant and that the Demonstration Forest withdrew its repair project because of "scheduling delays." When we pressed further, we were told the grant "was only for reimbursement funds." That is, the state would have had to pay up front to repair the road and then be reimbursed.

A pre-harvest inspection in late August of this year (the 8th for this planned cut), involved 13 state employees (including four geologists and a hydrologist) plus two County employees discussing whether or not to fix the road as part of the Timber Harvest Plan. Those considering the repair came from Redding, Sacramento, Santa



Jodi Frediani

This failure along the bank of Soquel Creek runs for 86 feet. The road could fail as soon as this winter. Despite being awarded a FEMA grant to fix the road, the Demonstration Forest withdrew its repair project because of "scheduling delays."

Rosa, and Santa Cruz. The Soquel Demonstration State Forest Assistant Manager stated that it would take too long to get the necessary permits to fix the road. He has been saying this for months, during which time permits could have been secured. No conclusion was reached during the inspec-

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tion regarding when the bank would be repaired. All present agreed that the road could fail as soon as this winter. Despite this fact, CAL FIRE and the California Geological Survey are prepared to allow hauling of nearly 600 loaded log trucks along this road. The Timber harvest would not commence until 2011 at the earliest.

Unfortunately, this is only one of several "watershed protection" projects that have been begun and then aborted in the Soquel Demonstration State Forest. A permanent bridge was designed as part of the upcoming Fern Gulch Timber Harvest Plan but has now been eliminated, ostensibly due to state budget problems. A temporary bridge will have to be installed instead. An extensive road to access the harvest area was also designed over a year-long period, but has been significantly scaled back. One experimental segment of the road will require using a roadbed of Styrofoam blocks across an active landslide. The technique is still planned, though controversial.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the California Department of Fish and Game have written a joint letter to

the Demonstration Forest manager making it abundantly clear that continued use of the wet-ford crossing through Soquel Creek could kill coho salmon or significantly damage their habitat, both resulting in a "take" under federal law. Furthermore, NMFS has been trying, without success, to get buy-in from the Demonstration Forest to place some large wood installations in Soquel Creek to improve habitat for fish. NMFS will be meeting with the Forest managers in late September to further discuss these large wood projects and offer their design assistance.

In addition to failing to undertake adequate watershed protection projects, the Demonstration Forest managers have not prepared required financial reports. The Sierra Club has been trying unsuccessfully to get copies of any financial reports for SDSF since May of this year.

How to help

The Soquel Demonstration State Forest belongs to the people of California. The Sierra Club is concerned that this asset is not being managed responsibly.

Please contact Senator Joe Simitian, Assemblymember Bill Monning, and U.S. Representative Sam Farr to let them know you want to see financial accountability and restoration of watershed protection as the primary function of our local state forest. See contact information on page 3.



YES on Prop 21



Paul Danielson

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Kamala Harris for Attorney General



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As the San Francisco DA, Harris created an Environmental Justice Unit to hold polluters accountable and protect the health of the city's residents. The Environmental Justice Unit has prosecuted cases ranging

from illegal dumping of hazardous waste to fraudulent smog test operations. As an elected board member of the California District Attorneys Association, Harris supported that association's Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project. She plans to build on that model by having environmental attorneys from the AG's office travel around the state to lend expertise to local prosecutors handling environmental cases.

Harris is campaigning on a platform that includes a pledge to vigorously enforce AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, and Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act. She also promises more vigorous use of California's criminal laws in the cause of environmental enforcement, and to provide fair and equitable environmental protection for all California citizens.

Harris' main opponent, Steve Cooley, declined invitations to participate in our endorsement process and has been largely silent on environmental issues.

In a meeting with our interview team of environmental lawyers, District Attorney Harris demonstrated her familiarity with and commitment to the body of law that safeguards our air, water, and wilderness for current and future generations. For all these reasons, Sierra Club California enthusiastically endorses Kamala Harris for Attorney General.

Dave Jones for Insurance Commissioner

The Office of Insurance Commissioner can affect protection for the environment through education, regulation, and incentives. Jones advocates for incorporating environmental risks and costs in insurance markets so insurance can be used as a vehicle to help change behavior toward more environmentally sound practices.

As an Assemblymember, Jones has authored a wide variety of environmental bills. This year he authored AB 1011, which would expand insurance company investments to include "green investments" in the state's existing tax credit program for insurers investing in low- and moderate-

income communities.

Other Jones bills that have become law include three from 2007: AB 2485, which helps protect sea otters by increasing poaching penalties and creating a tax check-off that has raised almost \$800,000 since 2007 to benefit sea otter research; AB 70, which makes local governments jointly liable with the state for property damage from flooding if the local government unreasonably allows new development in a previously undeveloped area; and AB 233, which strengthened enforcement of rules that limit toxic diesel emissions. Last year, he opposed the \$11.1 billion water bond slated for the November 2012 ballot, concerned that paying off the bond's debt would drain general fund resources and harm other state programs.

Jones is running against Assemblymember Mike Villines from Clovis. Over the last four years, between 2006 and 2009, Villines voted for only two of the Club's top priority green bills out of 48. By contrast, over the same period, Jones voted for 45 top priority green bills out of 48. In fact, Jones authored three of these top priority green bills.

Debra Bowen for Secretary of State

Achieving our environmental goals often depends on having open and clean governance. We endorse Debra Bowen for re-election because as Secretary of State she has worked for openness, accountability, and integrity in our political system.



Bowen has significantly improved public access to campaign contribution information, which is critical when holding leaders accountable and tracing the influence of polluters on elected officials. Bowen has also restored integrity and confidence in the way elections are conducted in California. The first step she took was a top-to-bottom public review of all voting devices, and those that were not secure were banished.

John Chiang for State Controller

Sierra Club endorses John Chiang for a second term as State Controller. The Controller serves on the State Lands Commission and the Ocean Protection Council—important to protecting California's coast.



As a member of the State Lands Commission, Chiang cast the deciding vote against what would have been the first offshore oil drilling lease in 40 years. Chiang has worked to phase out the use of ecologically destructive once-through cooling at coastal power plants.

Chiang's main challenger is Senator Tony Strickland from Simi Valley. In 2009, Strickland voted for only two of our 15 top priority green bills, and his environmental voting record during his six years as an Assemblymember was even worse.

Supervisors direct staff to consider environment in Wildfire Protection Plan

On September 21, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to continue work on the controversial Monterey County Community Wildfire Prevention Plan (MCCWPP). Following 2 hours of testimony, Supervisor Dave Potter made the motion to direct county staff to review questions regarding CEQA and the Community Wildfire Prevention Plan process, and to work to bring all parties together to form a collaborative Plan. The issue will return to the Board of Supervisors in November.

Recent fires have spurred local activity in producing fuel reduction plans with the goal of receiving federal funding for effective protection of life and property from wildfire. These plans are referred to as California Wildfire Prevention Plans or CWPPs. For the past year, Sierra Club had participated in development of other CWPPs in California, yet the Ventana Chapter and other conservation groups' efforts towards collaboration were rebuffed by the Monterey County Wildfire Working Group.

The resulting Plan, released this year, included language to invalidate environmental law including CEQA, NEPA, the Coastal Act, and the Endangered Species Act. The Plan had no scientific basis for most of its claims for fuel reduction, and best available peer-reviewed science appears not to have been considered. The Plan essentially declared all rural lands in Monterey County as being in a "state of emergency" and implied that all vegetation is potentially hazardous fuel.

The intention of the September 21 hearing was to allow both sides to discuss their views for a collaborative MCCWPP. All parties agreed from the outset to support a fire plan to help firefighters, homeowners, and public agencies attract federal funding for the purpose of providing more protection from wildfire.

At the hearing, firefighters explained the

difficulties and risk they experience fighting wildfires in rough terrain. They gave examples of their priorities for fuel reduction projects and expressed support for environmental law. Residents who experienced the 2008 Basin Complex Fire described the fear and loss brought about by the fire and requested approval for the current MCCWPP.

The Chapter was represented by attorney Tom Lippe, who retained legal and scientific expertise to assist in his testimony. He described ways in which the Plan could be amended to reflect the best scientific methodology and legal compliance. Forest and fire consultant Jodi Frediani described the basics of the CWPP process and listed missing components in the current plan. She recommended including specific steps that property owners could take to minimize structure ignitability, adding information about fire safe building materials, and explaining how to create defensible space and shaded fuel breaks along access routes, to make accessibility safer for fire fighters.

Tom Hopkins of the Ventana Wilderness Alliance, who had reviewed other CWPPs, made suggestions on how this Plan could be brought in line with certified plans throughout the state. These other plans recognize the application of environmental law, adhere to guidelines in the CWPP handbook and provide clearly-defined criteria for priority projects. He asked the Supervisors to facilitate a more professional approach to work on developing a future Wildfire Protection Plan.

Rick Halsey of the Chaparral Institute discussed his experiences with fire management and firefighting activities in chaparral communities such as those which occur here on the Central Coast. Rich Fairbanks, fire consultant for the Wilderness Society, described methods which effectively address fire suppression and prevention specific to wilderness areas.

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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. Site of the Thurs. Farmers Mkt. Plenty of parking with no fee on weekends.

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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:

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OCTOBER

Saturday, October 9

HIKE: TORO COUNTY PARK

We'll do a mild 5 or so miles exploring the boundary with the Marks Ranch which is owned by Big Sur Land Trust on the east side. 1000' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Mar Monte exit off Hwy. 1 north of Watsonville to carpool. Call Nick to find out more details. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, October 9

WALK: MISSION TRAILS PARK

Join me for a 2+ mile uphill walk in Mission Trails Park to explore and enjoy wild lands in the middle of Carmel. We'll start across from the Carmel Mission on Rio Rd. and meander uphill and return. We may be on city streets for part of the walk. Bring water and snack. Please call leader for starting time and reservation. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Sunday, October 10

HIKE: PICO BLANCO

Let's venture up the old Pico Blanco Trail to the Little Sur River. Starting at the Little Sur Trailhead on the Old Coast Rd., we hike down to the stream, cross, then up the long ascent and over the shoulder of Pico Blanco, and finally down to the Forest Service camp where we scoot down to a beautiful pool with a wonderful waterfall. 11 miles with 1400' of elevation gain. Bring plenty of water and food; sturdy hiking boots are a must. Meet at the Bagel Bakery at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Sunday, October 10

HIKE: SOBERANES CREEK/ROCKY RIDGE

5-mile loop with 1700' elevation gain and remarkable terrain variety. We'll follow the Soberanes Creek Trail into a sublime redwood grove, then climb steeply to grassy knolls for a spectacular view at lunch. The descent will be along Rocky Ridge where there should be more great views. The trail is in poor shape, so boots are highly recommended; hiking poles helpful. Bring water and lunch. Call for 9:30 a.m. meeting location. Leader: DJ Goehring, 277-9908.

Tuesday, October 12

SENIOR HIKE: WADDELL CREEK

About a 5-mile hike on tree-lined dirt roads, sun & shade. Some uphill. We'll take the Marsh Trail to the Nature Center for lunch. Prepare for sun/heat/dust/fog, or wind. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at 9:50 a.m. at Shen's at Mission & King Sts. Bring lunch, water, \$5 carpool. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

Wednesday, October 13

HIKE: NISENE MARKS

We'll hike the West Ridge Trail over to Hoffmans Historic Site, a logging camp in the early 1900s.

Other points of interest will include the Bridge Creek Historic Site and the Porter House Site. 8 miles from winter gate; 1000' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Friday, October 15

WALK: SPANISH BAY & POINT PINOS

Meet at 10:00 a.m. outside the Fishwife Restaurant in Pacific Grove, 1996½ Sunset Drive. We'll walk around Spanish Bay in Pebble Beach, then loop back to explore the boardwalk area of Asilomar Conference Grounds. Next we'll walk along coastal paths to Point Pinos looking for shorebirds. Our return will be along the old railroad path. Bring water and lunch, which we'll eat in the leaders' garden towards the end of our walk, or treat yourself to lunch at the Fishwife. Expect an easy walk of 5 or 6 miles with ocean breezes and views. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Thursday, October 21

HIKE: MAPLES FALLS

This 6-mile hike in Nisene Marks with 700' elevation gain takes us through a lovely forest along beautiful creeks and eventually to serene Maple Falls. Some agility is required. Stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 8:45 a.m. sharp from the south end of the parking lot in front of REI in Marina or from the parking lot behind Aptos Station at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday - Sunday, October 23 - 24

WORK PARTY: CARRIZO PLAINS

Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather try to crawl under. We will remove or modify sections of fence to facilitate this mobility. Sunday will be the group's choice of either a hike in the Caliente Range or a tour of popular sights. An opportunity to combine carcamping, dayhiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. Leader: Craig Deutsche, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670.

Saturday, October 23

HIKE: FORT ORD PUBLIC LANDS

Explore Fort Ord Public lands with us. 8-mile flat loop partly on trails and roads. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Creekside Trailhead parking lot (corner of Reservation Road and Hwy. 68) at 9:00 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Call for a space. Leader: Monique Fargues, 384-3234.

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Saturday, October 23

HIKE: PESCADERO COUNTY PARK

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Sunday, October 24

HIKE: WEST MOLERA

We'll pass through several different zones, hike up the West Ridge, and through a redwood forest before we rest at the high point. Then down on the ocean side to the beach for lunch and maybe a dip. Then along the bluff and to the mouth of the Big Sur. We may even go up on the beautiful peninsula for a view of the ocean on two sides. Hopefully, we can cross the river on foot, otherwise back over the bridge at

the parking lot. 9 miles with 1200' elevation gain. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Rio Road Park and Ride at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Sunday, October 24

HIKE: BIG BASIN

Starting at Whitehouse Canyon Road we'll ascend to Chalk Mountain then up to the Henry Creek Trail returning via the Tree to Sea Trail. Outstanding views and wildlife make for a great 12 miles with 1200' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:00 a.m. to carpool. Leader: John Howerton, 476-4253.

Tuesday, October 26

HIKE: LAND OF MEDICINE BUDDHA

6 miles, moderate loop, 500' elevation gain. Hike includes a redwood forest and beautiful Bates Creek. Bring water. Optional \$10 vegetarian lunch at dining room; call me for a reservation. Meet before 8:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at 8:50 a.m. at back parking lot of Congregational Church in Soquel. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Tuesday, October 26

SENIOR WALK: NEARY LAGOON/WHARF

A 3-mile walk from Lighthouse Field to Neary Lagoon to Santa Cruz Wharf. Bring lunch or eat at one of the wharf's restaurants. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at

Sears 41st Ave. or at 9:50 a.m. at the Lighthouse Field parking lot across from the surfing museum. \$2 carpool. Leader: Jean Harrison, 425-5447.

Wednesday, October 27

HIKE: JACKS PEAK

Jacks Peak offers quiet forested trails with spectacular views of Monterey, the Bay, and Carmel Valley. 5 miles with 700' elevation gain. Stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Bring water & lunch. Meet at NW corner of Whole Foods parking lot in Monterey before 9:30 a.m. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, 333-1759.

Saturday, October 30

HIKE: FALL CREEK

This beautiful 9-mile loop leads us on a steady uphill along the creek, then a steep climb up to the Big Ben tree where we'll enjoy a well-earned lunch. We'll stop at the kiln site on the way back for some history of the area. 2000' elevation gain. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch and carpool \$. Rain cancels. Leader: Pamela Burnham, 428-2796.

Saturday, October 30

HIKE: TORO PARK

Come explore Toro Park with us as it cools down in the fall. We'll hike up to Valley View peak via East Ridge and East Toyon Trails for great views. 8 to 9 miles and 1000' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch, rain cancels. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance of Toro Park. Call for a space and more information. Leader: Monique Farques, 384-3234.

Sunday, October 31

HIKE: POINT LOBOS

Join us on a 5-mile hike starting at the entrance station and touring the park from China Beach and Bird island to Whalers Cove and the Whalers Museum where we'll learn about whaling, mining, and more. Meet at 11:15 a.m. at the entrance station by the restrooms. For parking, make a U turn and park along Hwy. 1. Wear comfortable hiking shoes. Bring water and a snack. (The Bay area Sierra Singleaires will be joining us.) Rain will cancel. Leader: Phyllis Hilton, 372-1714.

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 4

WALK: HATTON TR/CARMEL RIV LAGOON

On this easy 5-mile walk we'll explore the Hatton Canyon Trail including the newly completed section between Carmel Valley Road and the Carmel River. Along the river, we'll see what is being done to create natural river habitat for young steelhead trout.

Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30 a.m. sharp from the Rio Road Park & Ride. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, November 5

BIKE RIDE: PG TO MARINA

Let's explore the links in the trail through Monterey and Sand City and see how they connect with the Monterey/PG Rec Trail and the Fort Ord Dunes State Park. Meet at Lovers Point in Pacific Grove at 10:00 a.m. at the start of the Rec Trail. Please arrive with your bike in working condition with tires properly inflated. Almost all on paved bike trails, with some street work at the Marina end and behind Costco in Sand City. A relatively flat ride with a few short, sharp hills. Be prepared for headwinds and some congestion on the trail around Fisherman's Wharf on the return. 30 miles at a leisurely pace. Helmets mandatory. Bring water and lunch to eat at Locke Paddon Park in Marina. Rain cancels. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Saturday, November 6

HIKE: COASTAL HIKES

A series of shorter hikes that take in the beauty of our coast. First, we'll drive up to Pescadero Marsh and walk the trails looking for birds, then drive down to Wilbur's Watch to hike up the hill for great views of the coast, followed by a walk out to Franklin Point where the Sir John Franklin was shipwrecked in the 1950s. Depending on time, we'll head to the northern end of Año Nuevo. About 8 miles. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Bring lunch, binoculars, wind protection, and carpool \$. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Pamela Burnham. 428-2796.

Saturday, November 6

HIKE: GARLAND PARK

About 4 easy miles. Walk up to the Mesa via foothill trails, Buckeye and Waterfall, come back via Fern, Mesa, and Lupine Loop Trails. Nice valley views. Trails may be muddy. Meet at the Rio Road Park & Ride to carpool. Please call leader to reserve space and for meeting time, or if wanting to meet at park. Bring snack/lunch and water. Rain cancels. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

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OUTINGS

Sunday, November 7

HIKE: SOBERANES CREEK/ROCKY RIDGE

5-mile loop with 1700' elevation gain and great terrain variety. We'll follow the Soberanes Creek Trail into a sublime redwood grove, then climb steeply to grassy knolls for a spectacular view at lunch. There should still be some flowers left. The descent will be along Rocky Ridge with more views of the coast and ocean. Boots highly recommended; hiking poles very helpful. Bring water and lunch. Meet at 9:30 a.m.; call for location. Leader: DJ Goehring, 277-9908.

Tuesday, November 9

SENIOR HIKE: MT. MADONNA

Located off Hwy. 152, this is a moderate 3½ mile hike. We'll return via Gizdich Farms for dessert. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. To go direct, meet by 10:00 a.m. just beyond the park's kiosk entrance by restrooms or call leader. Bring lunch, water, \$3 carpool and share of entrance fee. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

Wednesday, November 10

HIKE: BIG BASIN

We'll hike past Opal Creek and up Rogers Creek on the Meteor Trail to Ocean View Summit. 7-mile loop with 800' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Meet before 9:00 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Wednesday, November 10

HIKE: MESA LOOP/GARLAND RANCH

We'll hike the Mesa Trail to La Mesa Pond and return along the Waterfall Trail (steep downhill with lots of steps). About 4 miles with 800' elevation gain. If we still feel ambitious, we can add a loop through the meadow around Rancho Trail. Meet at Rio Road Park & Ride before 9:30 a.m. or at Garland's parking lot by 9:45 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, 333-1759.

Thursday, November 11

SENIOR WALK: HATTON CANYON

Join us for a Senior walk up Hatton Canyon in Carmel. We'll take the newly completed walk underpass below Carmel Valley Road to start the trail and follow it along a stream with beautiful fall foliage and many songbirds for about two miles and back. Bring lunch and water (binoculars optional). Meet at Rio Road Park & Ride at 10:00 a.m. Rain cancels. Call for a reservation. Leader: Phyllis Hilton, 372-1714.

Saturday, November 13

HIKE: ALTA VISTA

We'll hike up to the "Alta Vista" site above Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, homesteaded by the Overstrom family and last occupied by Big Sur botanist and historian Jeff Norman prior to its being burned down in

the Basin Complex fire. The site is situated above the Tin House, which we will also visit, but has a grander view. A strenuous hike of 6 miles with 2500' gain. The 0.7 mile use-trail above Tin House may be partly overgrown and require light bushwhacking. Meet at the Rio Road Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. Rain cancels. Leader: Jack Glendening, 484-6929.

Sunday, November 14

HIKE: WILDCAT CANYON/TORO PARK

A crisp autumn day is a good time for this climb up a narrow path to the Toyon Trail for lunch and great views as we circle back down to the park entrance. The trails are steep in spots, but we'll take an easy pace and not exceed 4-5 miles. Dress in layers (chilly in canyon/windy up top), wear boots or shoes with good tread and bring optional hiking stick, lunch, and water. Meet outside the entrance to Toro County Park (just west of Hwy. 68 at Portola Drive exit) at 9:45 a.m. Rain cancels. For detailed directions, call before the hike date! Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Tuesday, November 16

SENIOR WALK: LEVEE TO YACHT HARBOR

Casual walk along San Lorenzo River levee to museum on East Cliff for a short stopover then onto the yacht harbor for lunch. Bring lunch or buy it at one of the restaurants. About 4½ miles. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or Gateway Plaza on River Street by Ross's at 9:50 a.m. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Tuesday, November 16

SENIOR WALK: LIGHTHOUSE/WEST CLIFF

3-mile walk from Lighthouse Field to Natural Bridges. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. or at 9:50 a.m. at Lighthouse Field at parking lot across street from surf museum. Bring lunch, water, and \$2 carpool. We'll eat at Natural Bridges. Leader: Jean Harrison, 425-5447.

Thursday, November 18

HIKE: TORO PARK

This 5-mile hike with 800' elevation gain takes us through a forested valley along the Ollason Trail then up to oak-dotted grasslands. Stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Bring water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 9:45 a.m. sharp from the dirt parking area outside Toro Park. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, November 20

HIKE: LAST CHANCE ROAD

We'll walk up Last Chance Road from the Swanton Rd gate to the historic community center. 8+ miles with 1100' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz Co Government Ctr. to carpool. Call me for more info. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, November 20

HIKE: FORT ORD GRASSLANDS

We'll focus on the southern portion of the park and walk up from the trailhead at the west end of Toro Creek Estates on Hwy. 68. We'll take Via Guidotti and Skyline Rds. 9-10 miles with 600' elevation gain. Bring lots of water, if it is sunny, and lunch. Meet at the trailhead at 9:00 a.m. Call for a space and more information. Leader: Monique Farques, 384-3234.

Saturday - Sunday, November 20 - 21

WORK PARTY: CARRIZO PLAINS

Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather attempt to crawl under. Our service on Saturday will either remove or modify several sections of fence to facilitate this mobility. Sunday will be, at the choice of the group, either a hike in the Caliente Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the plains. We'll combine carcamping, day hiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. Leader: Craig Deutsche, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670.

Sunday, November 21

HIKE: TIN HOUSE

The trails of this favorite loop hike were burned in 2008, but we may climb up and down the old existing road to get to the Tin House ruin and enjoy wonderful views over the ocean. About 9 miles with 1500' elevation gain. Bring food and water, hiking poles helpful. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at Rio Road Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Saturday, November 27

WALK: ELKHORN SLOUGH

Elkhorn Slough harbors the largest tidal salt marsh in CA outside of San Francisco Bay. This ecological treasure provides much-needed habitat for 100s of species of plants and animals, including over 300 species of birds. Bring binoculars & \$2.50 entrance fee. 5 miles. Bringing lunch is optional as great restaurants are nearby. Meet at the REI parking lot before 9:30 a.m. Leader: Gisela Nobinger, 333-1759.

Tuesday, November 30

SENIOR HIKE: WILDER BLUFFS & TOUR

3-mile stroll to ocean and back followed by historic tour of ranch buildings. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave or at 9:50 a.m. at Shen's Gallery. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Janet Schwind, 425.3845.

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 1

HIKE: ELKHORN SLOUGH

Guided nature walk in the largest salt marsh in CA outside of San Francisco Bay, a haven for hundreds of species of plants and animals. Tour is limited; call me for a reservation. Bring water, lunch, binoculars, and \$2.50 entrance fee. Meet before 8:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Thursday, December 2

HIKE: GARZAS CREEK

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water & lunch. Arrive early; we depart at 10:00 a.m. sharp from Rio Rd Park & Ride. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Saturday, December 4

HIKE: EAST GARLAND EXPLORATION

We'll go up to Vasquez Knob via Terrace Creek and East Ridge Trails, returning via Vasquez and Laureles Trails. 8 miles with 2500' elevation gain. Great views. Meet at Carmel Mid Valley parking lot opposite Chase Bank at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Bring water / lunch. Rain cancels. Call for a space and more info. Leader: Monique Fargues, 384-3234.

Saturday - Sunday, December 4 - 5

CARRIZO PLAINS FENCE REMOVAL

Our work parties to remove barbed wire fences on the Carrizo Plain NM are opening up the Plain for the benefit of pronghorn. Here's another chance to destroy fences. Meet at 9:00 a.m. Sat. morning at Goodwin Visitor's Center or join us Fri. night at Selby Campground. Potluck dinner and campfire Sat. Bring fence tools if you have them, heavy leather work gloves, long pants, long sleeved shirts, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Bring all you need, including water. No supplies on the Carrizo. For more info and to sign up, contact leaders: Cal and Letty French, letty.french@gmail.com, 805-239-7338.

Sunday, December 5

HIKE: FORT ORD DUNES

We had a long wait for the dunes on the west side of Fort Ord to finally open to the public. We'll walk up to the former Army Club House and look down onto the ocean. From there we may scramble high up over the iceplant and watch a few gliders. Meet at Home Depot in Seaside at 10:00 a.m. or on First Street near the tunnel at 10:15 a.m. (from the entrance go twice to the left). About 6 miles. Bring food and water. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Tuesday, December 7

SENIOR SAUNTER: HOLIDAY LUNCH & WALK

2-mile walk beginning at 11:00 a.m. on trails at Chaminade. Lunch and appropriate beverages at Chaminade Resort at 1:00 p.m. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Wednesday, December 8

HIKE: WILDER RANCH

8 miles, 900' elevation gain. Hike up Engelsmann Trail to the Old Cabin Trail and then down the Twin Oaks Trail to Overlook Pt. Great ocean view, weather permitting, and a good chance of seeing raptors. Bring water and lunch. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Saturday, December 11

HIKE: LONG RIDGE, ACHISTACA TRAIL

A 6-7 mile hike with about 1000' elevation gain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Call Nick to find out more details. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, December 11

WALK: POINT LOBOS

A 4-mile hike along the northern edges of beautiful Point Lobos to the bedrock mortars at Ichxenta Point via Whaler's Cove, then along the North Shore Trail to the Cypress Grove, returning via Lace Lichen Trail. There is usually wildlife to see, and we'll stop at the Whaler's Cabin (if open). Meet at Rio Road Park & Ride, to carpool. Call leader to reserve a space and for meeting time. Bring snack, water, and binoculars. Leader: Martha Saylor, 372-9215.

Sunday, December 12

MIDDAY STROLL: OLD MONTEREY

Take a break from holiday preparation to enjoy a easy 2-hour stroll around the paths and gardens of olde Monterey. Meet at the parking lot just east of the Monterey Library on Pacific St., across the street from fire station. We'll mosey along Hartnell Creek,

enjoy a quiet garden, check on Pelon in the old jail behind Colton Hall, and find a sunny corner for the snack you bring. Meet at 10:30 a.m. Rain cancels. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Thursday, December 16

HIKE: PEBBLE BEACH

We'll zig & zag through serene pine forests of Pebble Beach hoping to find beautiful Fly Agric mushrooms. If we're really lucky, we might see an elf or two under them. Bring water. Lunch gives us the option of purchasing a Poppy Hills sandwich. 5-miles, 750' elevation gain with flora & fauna stops. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30 a.m. sharp from the "Haul Road" Gates on Hwy. 68 in Pebble Beach. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

Friday, December 17

HIKE: BLUFF CAMP

Let's see if there's any water in Los Padres reservoir! Meet at Rio Rd Park & Ride at 8.30 a.m. to carpool to Princes Camp in Cachagua. Our 8-mile walk takes us across the dam and along the edge of the reservoir to our lunch spot at Bluff Camp on the upper Carmel River. Scenic and moderately strenuous terrain at a leisurely pace. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Saturday, December 18

HIKE: WILDER RANCH

Our hike takes us through open meadows and several beautiful forested areas. Lunch at the top of the Eucalyptus Loop where we will enjoy a sweeping ocean view. 10-mile loop, 900' elevation gain. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Bring water, lunch and carpool \$. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Pamela Burnham, 428-2796.

Saturday, December 18

HIKE: PINNACLES, "BEHIND THE MONUMENTS"

For a different perspective of the Pinnacles National Monument, we'll utilize climber access trails to go among the pinnacle rocks and "behind" monuments normally viewed only from their sheer "front" side on the Juniper Canyon trail. With enough rainfall, we will see a 30' waterfall. For experienced hikers only as trails are not developed. 6 miles and 2000' elevation gain. Must call leader for further information and a reservation. Leader: Jack Glendening, 484-6929.

Wednesday, December 22

HIKE: POGONIP

Stop at old spring boxes, lime kilns, and old club house. Hike through meadows, redwoods, and a few creeks. 6½ miles, 600' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Tuesday, December 28 - January 2

HOLIDAY SERVICE IN CARRIZO PLAIN

Celebrate New Years in one of our newer national monuments. The Carrizo Plain, northeast of 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. 28, three and a half days of service modifying barbed wire fencing, and a full day for hiking and exploring are planned. Use of accommodations at Goodwin Ranch included. Limited to 14 participants, \$30 covers 5 dinners. For more information, contact leader, Craig Deutsche, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670, or co-leader, Melinda Goodwater, mgoodwater@sbcglobal.net, 408-774-1257.

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