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Veronica (in navy suit) and Kacey Hegelain (in striped suit) enjoy the surf at Seabright State Beach.
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 newsletters. 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 curtailing 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.

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
- Bruce Dalgaedo - 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
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, setting the world’s standard for clean energy jobs. He has expanded 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 settlement 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 wafting on key issues like global warming and offshore oil drilling.

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

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.


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.

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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.

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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


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 MPy 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 Sienna 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, UCSC 11, UC San Diego 15, and UC Davis 16. The top ranked school was Green Mountain College in Vermont.
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.

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.

Bruce Delgado for Mayor of Marina

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.

Local activism pays off for keeping Carmel Valley rural

by Christine Williams, President, Carmel Valley Association

And 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 to the Draft General Plan Update (GP4) which would help preserve the rural character of Carmel Valley.

REFERENCES TO THE IMPORTANCE OF EQUESTRIAN, BICYCLE, 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.

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.”
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 “basin 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 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 inspection 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.

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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.
Proposition 21, the State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010, would provide a stable, reliable and adequate source of funding to protect state parks and conserve wildlife.

Proposition 21 would ensure a dedicated and reliable funding stream for state parks through an $18 annual State Park Access Pass surcharge and, in return, would provide vehicles subject to the surcharge free admission to state parks.

Sierra Club California joins a strong coalition including California State Parks Foundation, The Trust for Public Land, Save the Redwoods League, Defenders of Wildlife, Surfrider Foundation, California State Park Rangers Association, Audubon California, California State Lifeguard Association, the Ocean Conservancy, and others in supporting Prop 21.

For more information on Prop 21, visit www.yesforstateparks.com.

Save our State Parks and Beaches

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Debra Bowen for Secretary of State

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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.

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 has participated in development of other CWPPs in California, yet the Ventana Chapter and other conservation groups’ efforts towards collaborating 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 fire-prone 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 listedCWPPs. She also described 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 firefighters.

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. Rick Fairbanks, fire consultant for the Wilderness Society, described methods which effectively address fire suppression and prevention specific to wilderness areas.
In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make their own 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.

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

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 10:30 a.m. outside the Fishwife Restaurant in Pacific Grove, 19961 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.

Please recycle this paper again

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We'll pass through several different zones. Hike up West Molera to Santa Cruz Wharf. Bring lunch or eat at one of the wharf's restaurants. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Lighthouse Field parking lot. Bring water. $2 carpool. Leader: Jean Harrison, 425-5447.

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**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 at 384-3234.

**Tuesday, October 26**

**SENior WALK: NEArY LAGooNWHArF**
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 8:50 a.m. at back parking lot of Congregational Church in Soquel. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

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**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 Nolting, 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.

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**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 Whitby’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.

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**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 Lurline Loop Trails. Nice valley views. Trails may be muddy. Meet at the Rio Road Park & Ride to carpool. Please call leader to reserve space for and carpool $. Rain cancels. Leader: Martha Taylor, 372-9213.
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 Goebert, 277-9908.

Tuesday, November 9
SENIOR HIKE: MT. MADONNA
Located off Hwy 152, this is a moderate 3½ mile hike. We’ll return via Gidich 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 Davy, 331-8430.

Wednesday, November 10
HIKE: MEZA 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 Rib 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, 484-9920.

Saturday, November 14
HIKE: WILDWAT CANYON/TORO PARK
A crisp autumn day is a good day 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 Pointola 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/WEAST 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 of Toro Park. Call for a reservation. Leader: Lynn Bomberger, 375-7777.

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 campcrawling, day hiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. Leader: Craig Deutch, craig.deutsch@gmail.com, 310-477-6670.

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 9:30 a.m. at Sheni’s Gallery. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Janet Schwid, 425,3845.

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 Davy, 331-8430.

Thursday, December 2
HIKE: GARAZZ CREEK
Our 4½-mile loop with 800’ elevation gain is through a redwood cyn and along Garza Creek with six crossings. Stops to enjoy flora & fauna. Bring

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Eight hike leaders attended a CPR and first aid class organized by Larry Parrish. The class was taught by retired firefighter Lee Warner. From left to right: Phyllis Hilton, Mary Dainton, Martha Saylor, Larry Parrish, Gizela Nohlinger, Monique Fargues, Esperanza Hernandez, Cath Farrant.

Water and 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 calls. 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, lettyfrench@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, wear a hat and a windbreaker. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Annelise 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 Englemann Trail to the Old Cabin Trail and then down the Twin Oaks Trail to Overlook Pt. Great ocean view, weather permitting, and a 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 parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Meet before 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave. Leader: Tom Davey, 331-8430.

Saturday, December 18
HIKE: PINNACLES, “BEHIND THE MONUMENTS”

For a different perspective of the Pinnacles National Monument, we’ll utilize climber access trails to tour 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: FOGONIA

Stop at open spring boxes, lime kilns, and old clubhouse. Hike through meadows, redwoods, and a few creeks. 2 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
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 enjoying 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 Agaric 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 Euca-lyptus 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

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