

Special Election Edition

NO ON MEASURE A

**Proposed Tax Increase Would Make Climate Change Worse
And Harm San Diego Communities**



Voters in San Diego County face a major decision on whether to approve a tax increase, Measure A that will define the future for our families and our communities for years to come. As with many choices this November, there is a stark difference between two options. The tax increase Measure is called the San Diego County Road Repair, Transit, Traffic Relief, Safety and Water Quality Measure and was put forward by the San Diego Association of Governments or SANDAG. This agency, made up of elected officials and public agencies from around the County, is asking voters to increase sales tax by a half-cent for 40 years to fund various projects in San Diego County.

SANDAG claims Measure A will benefit San Diego communities and is making the rounds to planning groups and other organizations armed with glossy presentations and catchy buzzwords touting its supposed benefits. In digging into the finer details however the simple truth is this flawed Measure would do more harm than good for County residents and moves our region backward, not forward, as SANDAG officials claim. In fact, along with our San Diego chapter, a diverse coalition of environmental, social equity, active transportation experts and environmental justice advocates are joining us. Sierra Club San Diego is also working with organizations representing

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VOTE NO ON MEASURE B

Reject the Lilac Hills Ranch Project



Increasingly developers are turning to the ballot box to get approval for their projects to get around environmental laws and general plans. Developments such as Lilac Hills Ranch in Valley Center seek voter approval to bypass environmental review and safety standards so they can build 1,700 homes in an area currently allowing 110 homes. Other developers are standing on the sidelines waiting to see what the voters do. Passage could encourage other delayed developments such as the 2,135 homes Miriam Mountains project. The Lilac Hills Ranch Project violates the County General Plan and the developer failed to earn approval for the project from the County Board of Supervisors. To get around this, the developer spent millions of dollars to get this on the ballot. The County's own analysis of Measure B shows it is bad for the region.

Measure B Will Worsen Regional Traffic

- Lilac Hills Ranch will add more than 19,000 daily car trips to local freeways and highways.
- Taxpayers will foot the bill for traffic problems caused by this project. Needed improvements will cost taxpayers more than \$1.050 billion.

Measure B Won't Increase Affordable Housing Supplies

San Diego County has an affordable housing shortage.

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Election Day is November 8th

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View from the Chair(s)

Davin Widgerow and
Ruben Arizmendi

Hi Sierra Club San Diego members! We are excited to present you with the 2016 "Election Edition" of the HiSierran - just in time to assist you in making pro-environment decisions at the ballot box this November. We are proud of this edition, and hope it proves to be a valuable and informative resource to all our members during this high-stakes, tension-filled election season.

The Political Committee spent much of 2016 and late 2015 preparing for this moment. The endorsement process is an intensive one, and requires candidates to complete multi-page questionnaires, sit for interviews with the Committee, and earn the votes of the Political Committee, the Steering Committee, and the Sierra Club California Review Committee. Preparing the questionnaires, scheduling the interviews, and coordinating with the campaigns requires a tremendous amount of work, and we express our deep admiration and gratitude to Political Committee Chair Brian Elliott and the whole Political Committee.

In addition to candidates for office, the chapter has decided to oppose two measures on this year's ballot. The first is Measure A, which is the San Diego Association of Government's (SANDAG) proposal for a half-cent sales tax to fund transportation projects. Sierra Club cannot support the measure for two main reasons: (1) it wastes far too much taxpayer money in climate-choking freeway expansion, and fails to invest in systemic public transit solutions; and (2) its proposed freeway expansion is concentrated in vulnerable, low-income neighborhoods, thus exacerbating the environmental injustice already suffered by these communities.

The other measure opposed by the chapter is Measure B, the Lilac Hills initiative. Numerous stakeholders came together some years ago to craft a comprehensive County General Plan that promoted sustainable growth and development while

preserving our backcountry open space. The Lilac Hills project would undermine all those efforts by authorizing the construction of 1,700 homes and facilities on backcountry land previously zoned for rural agricultural use. Not only would the development exacerbate greenhouse gas emissions, but it fails to account for increased traffic congestion and has not demonstrated that it will protect lives and properties safely during emergencies, especially fires. The Lilac Hills measure is perhaps the most egregious example to date of a developer seeking to undermine years of efforts by the citizens of this County to balance the needs of development and conservation, and we encourage our members to oppose it at the ballot box.

Finally, we take this moment to announce a change in leadership at the Steering Committee. After two-and-a-half years on the Steering Committee, and 8 months as chair of the Steering Committee, Davin Widgerow has decided to resign from his leadership positions at the chapter to focus on his job at the San Diego City Attorney's office.

Davin is succeeded by Ruben Arizmendi, an accomplished attorney. Ruben's interests in the Sierra Club arose out of his desire to see the world as environmentally strong and healthy, not only now, but for generations to come. Ruben understands that this is only going to happen when we all work in harmony to preserve the precious few environmental gems that seem to be sifting rapidly through our hands. Ruben will also provide critical outreach for the chapter to those neighborhoods and communities who have not historically come within the Sierra Club orbit, and we are excited about the expertise and experience he will bring to the chairmanship.

In conclusion, we thank you for all your support of our chapter and its priorities. Our beloved parks, trails, open spaces, recreational activities, and environmental health all depend on the outcomes of this election. So grab your trekking poles, stash some trail mix, and GO VOTE!

Endorsed Candidates Statements



KAMALA HARRIS - US Senate



We've never had a national election with so much on the line, with the ideals of our country -- our core belief in civil rights and the rule of law -- in such clear and present danger. I'm running for US Senate because I know there is more that unites us than divides us and together we can make our state a safe, sustainable, and equitable place for families to live and thrive.

From my time as a prosecutor in Alameda County to my work as San Francisco's District Attorney to my current service as Attorney General, I have spent my entire career fighting for the voiceless and vulnerable in our society and against powerful interests and violent predators, including transnational criminal organizations and human traffickers who profit from exploiting women and children.

As Attorney General, I have defended California's landmark climate change law from challenges by the biggest polluters, like Big Oil. Climate change is a clear threat to our water supply, public health, and economy. I will continue to stand up to the climate change deniers in the Senate and fight to pass national legislation that promotes innovation and sustainability.

As California's United States Senator, I will continue to protect a woman's right to choose, demand equal pay for equal work, work to provide our veterans with what they earned and lead the charge against LGBT discrimination. I will fight hard to pass comprehensive immigration reform in Washington, and I'll take on those who stand in the way. Please allow me to continue to stand up for the People of California by visiting: bit.ly/kamalasac.

DOUG APPLGATE - U.S. Representative, 49th District



In June's primary election, an earthquake hit California's 49th Congressional district with shockwaves felt in the deepest trenches of the political world. Colonel Doug Applegate, after being outspent 15-1 by opponent Darrell Issa, pulled off the unthinkable. Applegate held Issa who is a 13 year incumbent and the richest member of Congress to under 51%. Since the primary, Applegate has had overwhelming support from those in the 49th, and he has

officially been placed on the DCCC's Red to Blue list. While Applegate has advocated for climate change solutions, supported ending subsidies for fossil fuels, and encouraged Congress to move towards sustainable energy, Issa has a lifetime score of 4% from the League of Conservation voters.

Doug Applegate has spent his life serving others. He served 32 years as a Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, and in 2006 served a combat tour Ramadi, Baghdad, and Fallujah, Iraq. Applegate believes the greatest threat facing the world today is that of global warming. Over the past decade has been an outspoken proponent of clean energy and investments in new technologies that will shape tomorrow's future. Once elected, Applegate will work actively in Congress to introduce and pass legislation that will combat the effects of climate change and ensure our environment is protected and preserved. Additionally, he is committed to investing in new technologies that are being developed

right here in San Diego in order to clean and sustain our precious natural resources for generations to come.

JUAN VARGAS - U.S. Representative, 51st District



I am running for re-election to continue representing the constituents of the 51st District in our nation's capitol. Since I began my career in politics over 20 years ago, I've been a civic leader in the San Diego and Imperial Counties with a proven record of bipartisanship and problem solving. I have served as an activist, a San Diego City Councilmember, a State Assemblymember, a State Senator, and, currently, as the U.S. Representative for California's 51st Congressional District. I am committed to ensuring quality public education, preserving equality, and protecting vital services for children, the poor, and the elderly, such as Medicare and Social Security.

My public policy priorities are; Protect Medicare and Social Security Good paying jobs for trained workers, Solar and green power to boost economic growth, Educational opportunities for all children, Comprehensive immigration reform, Honoring our veterans and protecting their hard-earned benefits and Investing in research and development to drive greater innovation.

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Congressman Vargas has earned a 92% lifetime score from the League of Conservation Voters and 100% score from Environment America.

SCOTT PETERS - U.S. Representative, 52nd District



Nowhere is our commitment to future generations more tested than in how we treat the environment we give to them. As a member of Congress, I believe we need to embrace the clean energy revolution to mitigate the effects of climate change and create jobs, and have backed a proposal to get half of America's energy from carbon-free sources by 2030.

I serve as the Chair of the Democratic Caucus Climate Task Force and am a member of the newly formed Climate Solutions Caucus, a groundbreaking group of Republicans and Democrats working to advance solutions to climate change. On the Armed Services Committee, I have become a leader in defending our military's efforts to invest in alternative energy and led the defeat of a proposal that would prevent our military leaders from preparing for the threat of climate change. I introduced the SUPER Act to combat so-called super pollutants - some of the worst drivers of climate change - and offered and passed an amendment to the Energy Security Act requiring the Department of Energy to report on the energy savings and emissions reductions of facilities like the methane capture plant at the Miramar Landfill. This will encourage the development of more innovative carbon capture plants that reduce harmful emissions and create energy.

By protecting our air and water, preserving our forests and open spaces, and investing in renewable energy, we can create the model for a healthier, safer, more sustainable world for the generations to come.

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SUSAN DAVIS – U.S. Representative, 53rd District



Congresswoman Susan Davis has been endorsed by the Sierra Club for every election since her first congressional race in 2000. According to the League of Conservation Voters, Susan has a 96% pro-environment voting record. As San Diego emerges as a national leader in solar energy, Susan is focused on nurturing prospect of clean energy made in America. She has taken on federal bureaucratic roadblocks that are

preventing San Diego homeowners from using the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to pay for solar energy renovations to their homes. Susan closed loopholes to environmental laws to expedite a toll road that would have cut through San Onofre Beach State Park. San Diego and California has some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. That's why Susan has consistently opposed drilling for oil off California's coast. Susan has supported legislative action to hold accountable those who are responsible – private companies and federal agencies – for the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The strength of support that Congresswoman Davis enjoys can be attributed to her willingness to stand up for San Diegans, her responsiveness to their concerns, and her ability to solve problems. Susan listens carefully and is known locally and in Washington as a thoughtful, deliberative legislator who works to build consensus with her colleagues on both sides of the aisle, while staying true to her core values.

TONI ATKINS - State Senate, District 39



Growing up in Southwest Virginia, I saw firsthand the negative impacts of mining on the environment and the health of my family and neighbors, sparking my lifelong commitment to environmental justice. Over the course of my 14 years as an elected official, the environment has always been a priority. I've tackled issues from the tire problem in the Tijuana River Valley, to statewide issues such as enabling the California Coastal

Commission to enforce public access to our beaches, and internationally, serving on California's delegation at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference.

As the San Diego region works to adopt and implement its climate action plans, local government and local environmental activists will need to be able to rely on proven leadership at the state level. It is at the local level that the impacts of sea level rise will be seen. I am committed to making sure that the San Diego region is well prepared to take on that challenge.

Our recent statewide victories set the example for the nation and keep California a world leader. SB 350 requires that 50% of our energy come from renewable resources. SB 32 will slash greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels and AB 197 provides greater ability to curb emissions. Going forward, the direction our future takes will be shaped by how well we heed the advice of expert researchers, and whether we are willing to fight for a quality of life that includes clean water, clean air, enhanced and expanded transit systems, natural resources including parks and open spaces, affordable housing, and schools that meet the educational needs of an innovation-based economy.

I pledge to continue to use my position in public service to protect and advocate for the issues that matter most to the Sierra Club and I am honored to have your support for the State Senate.

DAVE ROBERTS - County Board of Supervisors, District 3



The Sierra Club is such an important partner in the environmental legacy of our region and it is truly an honor to have your endorsement. During my first four years as County Supervisor, I am proud to have supported the health of our natural environment and our communities. I promise that I will continue to stand up to shortsighted developers and dangerous polluters during

my second and final term.

Since being elected in 2012, I have led efforts to preserve 5,600 acres of open space. I have opposed the Gregory Canyon Landfill on the banks of the San Luis Rey River. I have worked with the Rancho Bernardo community to save Webb Lake in a small, but beautiful neighborhood park. And I am working in Escondido to create a new El Caballo park for that section of our county.

As County Supervisor, I have been a leader in the creation of sustainable and affordable solar energy programs creating 5,000+ new jobs in San Diego County. I also led efforts to pursue San Diego County's first Zero Waste Initiative.

It is critical over the next four years to ensure that we have a County Supervisor who enforces our County's approved General Plan, understands the importance of a Climate Action Plan, and works tirelessly to ensure that we protect and preserve our natural resources.

As a Life Member of the Sierra Club, I thank the Sierra Club for your ongoing support. You can learn more about my campaign or donate to support my re-election at: <http://www.daverobertsforsupervisor.com/>

ANN TANNER - Carlsbad City Council



It is time to preserve the unique character and quality of life that distinguish Carlsbad, including protection of key open spaces. I will stand up to out-of-town developers and demand well-planned projects that enrich citizens' lives. I believe that Carlsbad's environmental uniqueness should not be sacrificed to the whims of developers nor should city council policy be made behind closed

doors.

In the next 4-6 years, major decisions will be made on coastal development in Carlsbad including the Encina Power Plant, Ponto, and the Village/Barrio Plan. If the City of Carlsbad doesn't get this right, generations 60-100 years from now will be suffering the consequences. Our coast and ocean are the jewels of California. Isn't it time to leave a legacy of open space, clean emerging technologies, pristine water and breathable air?

As a City Council member and fiscal conservative, I will be a trusted voice for environmental stewardship and public safety. I publicly opposed Measure A, the egregious plan to build a mall on the Agua Hedionda Lagoon by out-of-town developers. As a previously elected official, a First Responder for the Red Cross and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, I've spent my entire professional career perfecting my listening skills, earning my patient's trust, advocating for the underserved, respecting differing opinions and building strong effective teams. I have proven experience in establishing a vision, setting priorities, balancing budgets and achieving success. Let's return trust and an independent voice to our city government.

CORI SCHUMACHER - Carlsbad City Council



Over the last 10 years, I have fallen in love with Carlsbad, our community, our coastline, our unique coastal character. In 2015, I turned my attention to Carlsbad's political realm when I witnessed the City Council preventing the voters of Carlsbad from voting on a project that would have allowed a nearly 600,000 square foot mall to be built on the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. I participated in both gathering signatures to allow Carlsbad residents to vote on this plan and worked to educate voters. The success of this effort cemented for me the understanding that in order to help protect and preserve Carlsbad's remaining open space and our quality of life, I would need take a role that would allow me to insert stronger environmental values into Carlsbad's policies.

I believe Carlsbad deserves better from our City Council members. We deserve representatives who are committed to listening to the people, who have a powerful, unifying vision for Carlsbad rooted in environmental values, and who have the very highest ethical standards.

As a Council Member, I will stand for a broad spectrum of Carlsbad residents, I will act judiciously for the common good, and I will guide our growth intelligently and with sustainability standards that will ensure future generations of Carlsbad residents can enjoy the ambience and character we love.

Finally, I have an economic vision, grounded in Clean Technology that will support San Diego's shift to 100% renewable energy by 2035. This plan will increase career opportunities and secure our continued prosperity.

STEVE PADILLA - Chula Vista City Council



No one in Chula Vista has taken on tougher fights to protect our environment than Steve Padilla. As Mayor, Steve took on SDG&E to explore energy independence and lower utility rates. He created the South Bay Wildlife Refuge and built more public parks than any previous Mayor in Chula Vista history. As a Coastal Commissioner, Steve stood up to developers to protect our coast and preserve sensitive habitat.

Standing Up For Healthy, Clean Neighborhoods

On the City Council, Steve Padilla will fight to ensure every Chula Vista neighborhood has access to clean air, clean water, parks and open space. And Steve will fight for Chula Vista's fair share for expanded public transit, more walking and bike paths, and transit oriented affordable housing.

As a small business owner and father, Steve Padilla knows the struggles working families face. That's why Steve supports raising the minimum wage, is working to attract good paying jobs to Chula Vista and helped lead the coalition to stop unfair water rate hikes hurting South Bay families.

Steve Padilla is endorsed by the Sierra Club and so many of our progressive allies, including the San Diego Democratic Party, Chula Vista Firefighters, San Diego Democrats for Environmental Action and the League of Conservation Voters.

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ELLEN HAVILAND - Del Mar City Council



I am a longtime resident of Del Mar and I want to preserve our rustic natural beauty—the sandstone bluffs, canyons, scenic views, beaches, and urban forest that makes Del Mar such a unique and special place. I support the smart, sustainable growth that will be needed to revitalize Del Mar's commercial corridor, while maintaining our charming village ambience and retaining our natural environment

Global warming and sea level rise are the major environmental issues facing Del Mar, and there are some very important decisions and projects on the horizon. There has been a tremendous amount of work already done by our current City Council and advisory committees to get a climate action plan passed and to understand the implications of sea level rise on our community. But there is more to be done, and I am eager to join that effort! It is the best way I know to give back to my community and to make a lasting, positive impact on our future.

SHERRYL PARKS - Del Mar City Council



It has been my honor to serve Del Mar as Mayor and on the City Council. During my term in office we have planned our new City Hall that will include many features that will use energy wisely, encourage biking to work, and use environment friendly products in its construction.

I am the Council liaison for the planning for a new, pocket park that will be right downtown

Del Mar and the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee. All discussions include using water tolerant plants, organic fertilizers, capturing public views for kids and adults, and planting water tolerant plants along the street medians. Millions of dollars have been spent to up-grade our streets and sidewalks encouraging bike and pedestrian travel and slowing automobile travel through our small city.

Recycling events are important to Del Mar and occur quarterly at our City Hall. I personally maintain a strict regimen for recycling light bulbs, batteries, paper, and clippings from vegetation. Although I live alone, I know that each and everyone of us needs to become disciplined to protect the earth from pollutants.

In October at the League of Cities meeting I will receive a Beacon Award on behalf of our Sustainability Committee. Del Mar is being honored for the outstanding Climate Action Plan adopted by the council in January 2016.

Finally, in June the City of Del Mar celebrated the extension of the San Dieguito Lagoon River Walk. With funding from the Board of Supervisor's office, Dave Roberts, we were able to clear more of the river path, establish a safe walkway and plant water tolerant plants on the south side of the lagoon.

CATHERINE BLAKESPEAR - Mayor of Encinitas



My name is Catherine S. Blakespear and I am the only member of the Encinitas City Council running for Mayor. I was proud to receive the endorsement of the Sierra Club in 2014 when I successfully ran for City Council and am optimistic about receiving the endorsement in this election as well.

I am running for Mayor because Encinitas deserves a Mayor who reflects the environ-

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mental sensibilities of our residents. We need elected leaders who will prioritize preserving our beaches, trails, open-space and lagoons. These are local treasurers, allowing residents to experience the joy and peace that come from having a connection to wild spaces.

My priorities include better sidewalk connectivity and bike lanes to encourage biking and walking; replanting the tree canopy; reducing city water use; banning the use of Styrofoam take out containers in our city's restaurants; updating the Climate Action Plan; evaluating community choice energy, creating cleaner beaches and encouraging the prosperity of our local food and farming community.

As a practicing attorney with a family history dating back nearly 100 years in Encinitas, I am uniquely qualified to serve as the next Encinitas Mayor. Working together we can make Encinitas a greener city!

Please see my website www.blakespearformayor.com or call me at 760-613-4740 for more information.

TASHA BOERNER HORVATH - Encinitas City Council



Encinitas is a special place in a changing world. I am running for City Council to help preserve the uniqueness of Encinitas, while making it an even better place to live, work and play. But Encinitas faces a number of complex issues and deserves sustainable leadership to continue bringing balance and access to local government and turn ideas into action.

As a Planning Commissioner, I have guided growth to protect our hillsides and habitats, restore wetlands and improve water quality of storm water runoff. As a businesswoman, I built my career tackling tough problems with strategic vision and pragmatic action on equality issues, like access to basic health care, education for all and sustainability. As a community leader, I advocate for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure as well as safer routes to school.

As a third generation Encinitan, I prioritize responsible environmental stewardship, including preserving open space and protecting our beaches, lagoons parks, canyons and trails. As a mother of two young children, I believe we owe it to future generations to preserve our natural resources and address the effects of sea level rise and climate change.

The race for Encinitas City Council is, at heart, a race to determine the environmental future of Encinitas: Will we continue on our path towards increased sustainability or will we hand our children a legacy of environmental degradation? www.tasha4encinitas.com

TONY KRANZ - Encinitas City Council



I was honored to be endorsed by the Sierra Club in 2012 when I was first elected to the Encinitas City Council. For the past four years I have remained committed to important issues including: preserving our local community's heritage, supporting urban agriculture, as well as purchasing the abandoned Pacific View school property to build a future arts, culture and ecology center, instead of more condominiums.

I am running for reelection because in the next four years critical decisions will continue to be made about housing, density, business development, and transit, just to name a few. By serving another term I will be able to ensure the City takes its obligations seriously to address climate change, and plan for the inevitable impacts of sea level rise on our beaches and coastal infrastructure.

I am also committed to seeing the City do a better job of managing our urban forest and planning proactively to improve the tree canopy in our major corridors. In addition, I will continue to support the creation of more community gardens, and allowing more people to have bee hives in their yard and to set up small urban farms.

MARK WEST - Imperial Beach City Council



Thank you Sierra Club! I am running for City Council because we can make a difference. My vision and the foundation of my candidacy center around three key priorities.

First, the growth of Imperial Beach is at a critical crossroad. Thoughtful redevelopment with citizen input is good, but high priced over development without a plan that preserves the history and protects the environment is bad. I will work

to promote forward thinking development strategies.

Second, trash and litter removal must be addressed. The beauty of Imperial Beach amazes me, but I am sad to see the amount of trash. We are lucky to live in this community but the City must strive harder to keep it clean.

Third, protecting our coastline is a priority. As the current Chair of Surfrider San Diego, I established the Northern Baja Chapter to help identify when sewage is being discharged that affects our coastline.

Throughout my 24-year career as a Naval Officer, I have been civically engaged. In 2011, I retired and completed a Graduate Degree in Public Administration. Currently, I am a member of the Mayoral Advisory Committee and was appointed to serve on the Redevelopment Agency. I also served as a Citizens Board Member for the International Boundary and Water Commission. My reputation is a hard working collaborator with an ability to solve problems and make decisions based on common sense. With your help and vote, we can ensure that Imperial Beach remains the best of the best in Southern California. WWW.markwest4ib.com

GEORGE GASTIL- Mayor of Lemon Grove



I am currently in my second term as a Lemon Grove City Council Member, having won my two previous races with the support of the Sierra Club. I am running for Mayor of Lemon Grove so I can continue the work I have been doing in my city and in the San Diego region.

In Lemon Grove the top priorities are to encourage walking and to make our neighborhoods more connected. We are planning a walking

trail that follows the railroad from the northern end of the city to the southern end. Related to this plan, we also need to restore our part of Chollas Creek and remove invasive species. We are also addressing the issue of Climate Change as we develop our new Community Plan.

In addition to what I noted above, I will make sure our city is effectively represented on regional bodies such as SANDAG, MTS, and East County Economic Development Council. Together with progressive leaders from other cities, we can promote sustainable and walkable communities, more effective public transportation, and a green economy. We must also focus on bringing jobs and housing closer together.

I have been a San Diego Sierra Club member for over two decades and enjoy spending time exploring the canyons, creeks, mountains, and coastal areas of San Diego County.

DAVID ARAMBULA – Lemon Grove City Council



David Arambula is running for one of two vacant seats on the Lemon Grove City Council. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, proud father of three wonderful children (one of whom is currently serving in the U.S. Coast Guard). After serving our country honorably, David attended undergraduate, graduate and law school.

David joined the Sierra Club as a commitment to become an effective advocate for responsible urban growth that protects our natural resources, plants and wildlife. David has also been a strong advocate for working people for many years and he believes in working together to find solutions to common issues. David serves on the executive team of the UCSD Chancellor's Community Advisory Board and currently works as Litigation Consultant for a law firm that focuses on workers' rights.

David believes Lemon Grove residents deserve an environmentally responsible and aware city government that actively seeks input from residents and businesses, identifies relevant issues and takes the steps necessary to address the residents' concerns. Placing people before politics and getting results is David's motto.

As a member of the City Council, David will focus on protecting our families and ensuring safe neighborhoods; protecting and preserving our environment through a progressive climate action plan; constructing/repairing sidewalks, streets and other infrastructure; and revitalizing Lemon Grove. Together, David is confident we can all build a prosperous Lemon Grove!

ALEJANDRA SOTELO-SOLIS - National City, City Council



It has been an honor to serve the community of National City as your Vice Mayor & City Councilmember these last eight years. I have worked hard to keep our neighborhoods safe, create a balanced budget, and worked with regional leaders to bring necessary resources to our city.

As your elected official, I have been a dedicated advocate for the environment, our youth, seniors, families and the business community. I have led the charge to explore alternative funding for our public services, including our library, street improvements and public safety; our city has received several grants from the public and private sector.

I have also served on several boards including: SANDAG Regional Planning Committee, SUHI Foundation and the Women's History Museum.

I will continue to keep public safety our number one priority, maintain a balanced budget and fight to bring necessary resources to our city. I will continue advocating for quality services and healthy initiatives & activities. I am honored to be supported by the Sierra Club; I will continue to work with our community for a stronger and healthier environment for our city.

ESTHER SANCHEZ - Oceanside City Council



I've worked to protect Oceanside's neighborhoods, parks, open space, coastal and watershed resources, as well as to expand recreational opportunities. I have championed green jobs, smart growth, livable streets, and to be a bicycle friendly community. Since taking office, we have three new parks, a dog park, skate parks

and our "dream" park – the 450 acres of El Corazon with now a senior center and 22 soccer fields.

I've supported Shelley Caron, Preserve Calavera, and the Luiseño Band of Mission Indians in preserving the cultural, historic and wildlife resources of the city including the Mission, Marron Adobe Valley, and ancient El Salto Falls.

I've pushed for implementation of our subarea plan, restoration of the Buena Vista Lagoon, and served on the California Coastal Commission.

I've successfully pushed legislation banning invasive plants – arundo, tamarisk, and pampas grass -- to protect our watersheds, especially the San Luis Rey River. I've also championed our Zero Waste program and adopted an ordinance banning single use plastic bags.

I am working on building competition and therapeutic swimming pools at El Corazon, agri-tourism to maintain our agricultural uses, organics recycling, community choice energy JPA, and Climate Action Plan.

We are, however, at a crossroads. El Corazon Park is endangered by high density residential development inconsistent with its specific plan, and we are threatened with anti-environment candidates supporting digital billboards and unfettered growth that would destroy the economic and environmental sustainability of Oceanside. Thank you! YES4Esther.com

MARA ELLIOTT – San Diego City Attorney



Mara Elliott is a champion for our environment and the Sierra Club's choice for San Diego City Attorney. As Chief Deputy City Attorney, Mara is the lead attorney to the City's Environment Committee. Mara has held polluters accountable, enforced clean air and water laws, and worked to bring renewable energy to San Diego. Mara led the team that tracked down the wrongdoers responsible for polluting San Diego Bay and forced them to clean up their mess... at no cost to taxpayers! And Mara Elliott's team won tough cases against the public utilities to ensure fairness for ratepayers and encourage more investment in clean energy.

As City Attorney, Mara Elliott will make tackling climate change a top priority and will always stand up to protect our environment. That's why she'll fight for stronger prosecution of illegal pollution and dumping. And Mara will ensure the City implements its Climate Action Plan effectively and efficiently, helping to create sustainable clean energy jobs.

Mara Elliott also knows that San Diego's most vulnerable populations too often bear the brunt of pollution, carbon emissions, and climate change. That's why Mara has pledged to form the Environmental Health Working Group to tackle the pollution, lead paint and other environmental hazards that threaten our children's health and harm the quality of life in San Diego's low income communities.

Mara Elliott is tough, tested and ready to hit the ground running as our next City Attorney. She'll bring a fresh perspective and new leadership to the City Attorney's office to fight for us.

BARBARA BRY - San Diego City Council, District 1



I am honored to have received the endorsement of the Sierra Club. Preserving San Diego's natural treasures – our lagoons, canyons, beaches and backcountry – for future generations is one of my top priorities. I look forward to working with the Sierra Club to combat climate change, secure our long-term water supply and keep our beaches, bays and open spaces clean and beautiful.

As the first high-tech entrepreneur on the City Council, Barbara will bring an enterprising mindset to City Hall to keep

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San Diego safe, clean and prosperous. Barbara will work to create more good paying high-tech jobs and help small businesses grow, so that we can invest in maintaining San Diego's quality of life.

Barbara Bry has lived in San Diego for over 35 years and raised her family here. She has been a successful high-tech entrepreneur and was on the founding team of companies like Proflowers.com, which created hundreds of local jobs. Barbara also has deep roots in the community: she taught entrepreneurship at UCSD; served as president of the Children's Museum; managed her daughters' Bobby-Sox softball teams; and is a life member of the Sierra Club.

Please Note – Barbara's opponent, Ray Ellis, has suspended his campaign for the District 1 Council seat. Even though his name will remain on the ballot, it is important to cast your vote for Barbara.

GEORGETTE GOMEZ - San Diego City Council, District 9



Georgette Gomez has dedicated her life to protecting our environment, advocating for children's health and tackling climate change. For years, Georgette has worked with the Sierra Club to advocate for renewable energy, champion open space conservation and fight for strong environmental health laws.

The daughter of immigrants, Georgette grew up in Barrio Logan. Her community's environmental challenges – high asthma rates caused by exposure to polluting industry and exhaust from heavily trafficked truck routes – inspired Georgette to dedicate her life to fighting for environmental justice for underserved and neglected communities.

Georgette was a leader in the effort to pass San Diego's landmark Climate Action Plan. She's worked to expand public transit and promote transit-oriented development. And Georgette has taken on tough fights to stand up to corporate polluters, move polluting industries out of low-income residential neighborhoods and pass tougher laws to reduce children's exposure to toxic chemicals.

Georgette will take on the broken system at City Hall that benefits developers, big corporations and downtown special interests. On the Council, Georgette will fight for real action to tackle climate change, hold polluters accountable and fight for our neighborhoods' fair share for public transit, parks and more open space.

Georgette Gómez is the Progressive and Environmental Choice for City Council. Read more at www.GomezD9.com

JEWEL EDSON - Solana Beach City Council



Since moving to Solana Beach nearly 20 years ago I have been an active member of the community. Solana Beach enjoys a reputation and history as a regional environmental leader. The first city in California to ban smoking on its beaches, Solana Beach was also first in our County to ban single-use plastic bags and restrict polystyrene containers.

With the work being done on our Climate Action Plan, attention will turn to voluntary measures that Solana Beach residents and businesses can take to reduce Green House Gas emissions. I am excited that Solana Beach is moving rapidly in pursuit of Community Choice Aggregation. As a City Council member I will advocate for CCA implementation and foster community outreach to educate residents on the environmental and financial benefits of clean energy.

I am thrilled that the property on our northern boundary, recently christened Harbaugh Seaside Trails, has been preserved in perpetuity as open space. As a City Council member I will work with the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy to design new trails including a railroad undercrossing. Residents and visitors alike should have the opportunity to enjoy the treasured view north to Swami's and beyond and to appreciate the natural habitat of this sensitive wetlands area. I will also seek funding for much needed capital improvements in our Eden Gardens neighborhood to build out the master planned La Colonia Community Center and Park and improve bike lanes in the Stevens Avenue corridor.

JUDY HEGENAUER - Solana Beach City Council



I moved to Solana Beach 45 years ago with my husband and 2 sons -- best decision ever! I worked for incorporation of our City to secure independence from the County's irresponsible land use decisions. I am running for Council because I'm concerned about the future of Solana Beach. Special interests seek to eliminate our right to voice how our City grows sustainably, reverting to the old County days of haphazard development. Our quality of life and property values will suffer if this occurs.

I've volunteered for many community groups in Solana Beach, including the Civic and Historical Society and the Clean and Green environmental committee to protect what we love about our City. I'm a charter member of the City's new Climate Action Commission, which is writing a climate action/adaptation plan to comply with California's AB/SB32 GHG reduction mandates and to move toward 100% clean energy through competitive Community Choice Energy. As your council member I'll work to preserve our quality of life for you and your children.

Within our rapidly developing County, Solana Beach continues to be an environmental leader. I'm committed to protect and enhance the invaluable community character of our City through thoughtful planning that considers community input. Judy4Council.net

DAVID ZITO - Solana Beach City Council



I am proud to be part of an organization that has been recognized as a regional leader in environmental stewardship. The Sierra Club awarded Solana Beach its FEAT award in 2015 to acknowledge our leadership in being the first City in the County to implement a single use plastic bag ban. Since then we have also been the first in the County to implement a polystyrene ban for disposable plastic food containers. During my term we implemented Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

programs for both our businesses and residents to encourage broader adoption of energy upgrades, installed a low flow diverter at our SeaScape Sur beach access point to eliminate summer pollution runoff, regulated e- cigarette sales, and greatly expanded our recycled water infrastructure.

Solana Beach is currently evaluating a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) initiative to allow for competition in energy sources and give our businesses and residents options to procure greater amounts of clean energy while also lowering their costs. We are also deep in the process of implementing a Climate Action Plan to reduce our carbon footprint and once completed will be using this document to further our environmental initiatives.

I am looking forward to being able to continue to serve my community and keep Solana Beach an environmental leader. We have been able to demonstrate that such a strategy is possible, and I believe necessary, in a community with a healthy vibrant economy and a great quality of life.

San Diego Canyonlands Campaign For Open Space

An update on Sierra Club's non-profit offspring, and Campaign for Dedicating 25,000 – 30,000 more acres of City-owned Open Space

by Eric Bowlby, Executive Director of San Diego Canyonlands

Sierra Club's San Diego Canyons Campaign was launched by Conservation Coordinator Paul Blackburn in 1999 when the threat of a new sewer maintenance road in Switzer Canyon reached the ears of attentive North Park residents. Sierra Club organized a guided tour in Switzer Canyon where, on a rainy Saturday morning, 60 residents came out to learn about the threat to, and the importance of, these islands of natural open space scattered throughout the city.

As the Chapter's Executive Committee Chairman, I immediately recognized the incredible potential for grassroots organizing with dozens of canyons scattered throughout the City. "San Diegans love their neighborhood canyons" became our slogan and showed that canyon by canyon we could organize citizens to learn about, defend, and restore their neighborhood open spaces.

In April, 2000 I stepped down as Chair to take a part-time position as the Canyons Campaign Coordinator. A grant from the San Diego Foundation quickly made it a full time job, working mainly to establish new "Friends Groups" for dozens of canyons.

From 2000 - 2008 Sierra Club reached several shining milestones for the canyons.

1999 – 2008 Established 40 Canyon Friends Groups

In addition to sustained stewardship, Friends groups successfully thwarted development of roads, schools, and other encroachments into dozens of canyon open spaces.

2002 -City adopts environmentally responsible sewer/canyon access policies and establishes the Open Space/Canyon Advisory Committee. (I still serve on OSCAC).

2004 -City hires two rangers to coordinate restoration work with Canyon Groups

2005 -San Diego Social Venture Partners awards a 3-year grant, (\$75,000), and invests in strategic planning and capacity building for the Canyons Campaign.

2005 -Author Richard Louv releases, "Last Child in the Woods", highlighting the mental and physical health benefits that access to nature provides to youth and points to unique opportunities in San Diego to utilize canyons as "Nature Classrooms" and bolster cutting edge environment-based education.

2005 -Sierra Club Canyons Campaign and Aquatic Adventures (now Ocean Discovery Institute) launch the "Kids in Canyons" program

for public schools. Canyons-youth programs begin to grow dramatically.

2006 -Canyons Campaign grows to 3 full time staff positions

2007 Dec. - SD Canyonlands White Paper, written in collaboration with SD Civic Solutions and C-3, becomes a catalyst for City Council action to Dedicate 6,600 acres of City Open Space. "Dedication" is the strongest protection we have for our City-open spaces and parkland, requiring a 2/3rds super-majority vote of the people to use the land for non-park/open-space purposes.

2008 Aug. With support of Sierra Club San Diego, "San Diego Canyonlands", a new non-profit is launched, with a dedicated Board of Directors and agenda focused on San Diego's wonderful canyons. Sierra Club donors continue to support the fledgling non-profit.

2009 Apr. SD Canyonlands launches Canyon Enhancement Planning (CEP) program facilitating community-stakeholder workshops to plan trails, viewpoints, signage etc. CEP has successfully planned seven canyons and raised \$1.75 million to implement those plans!

2013 Dec. SD Canyonlands successfully campaigns to Dedicate another 6,600 acres of City Open Space bringing Dedication Campaign total to 13,200 acres, twelve times the size of Balboa Park!

2016 June SD Canyonlands grows to nine staff positions to run programs and implement canyon restoration projects.

2016 August SD Canyonlands and Sierra Club's Conservation Committee seek support from Sierra Club's Political Committee to launch another campaign to Dedicate ~4,000 more acres within the City and over 25,000 more acres of City-owned land outside the City limits.

Of all the goals Sierra Club and San Diego Canyonlands has accomplished over these last seventeen years for our open spaces and canyons, one of the most important has been our work to Dedicate the City-owned land for permanent open space/parkland.

"The importance of this latest campaign, to Dedicate over 25,000 acres of land in the back country, cannot be overstated", said George Courser, the Sierra Club's new Conservation Committee Chair. "It takes 40-square miles of reservoir, watersheds, and habitat preserves off the negotiation table. Poor land use decisions, decades from now, could otherwise turn these lands into bedroom communities increasing daily commutes by the thousands -eclipsing the benefits of our Climate Action Plans."

To find out what you can do to help protect and restore your neighborhood canyons contact Eric Bowlby, eric@sdcanyonlands.org.

Visit www.sdcanyonlands.org for more info and news on San Diego Canyonlands.

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Chapter Activities

All Activities are held at the Chapter Office unless otherwise stated: 8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92111.

Our entrance is on the west end of the front building of Kearny Office Park, just west of I-163 and on the north side of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Other environmental and activist events are posted at www.sdeln.org

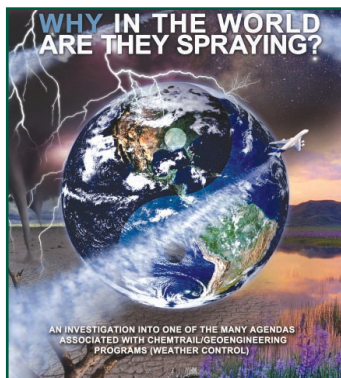
2nd Friday Movie Night

October 14, 6:30 pm

Movie: WHY IN THE WORLD ARE THEY SPRAYING?

1 Hour 35 Minutes

This documentary explores the controversial topic of geo-engineering involving weather modification programs in the U.S. Those who have investigated these programs, such as journalist Mike Murphy and solar expert Dave Wigington, found that climate experiments have been going on for 50 years. The movie focuses on chem-trails: cloudseeding from airplanes, using aerosols containing aluminum, barium and strontium – and the concern that these elements could have serious effects on the human health and the environment.



regard for the lives of the people who live in those mountains. The story follows the efforts of three indigenous women to defend their ancestral lands, in the face of long odds and grave consequences. We shall also discover the links between what is happening in rural Guatemala - and what almost happened to sacred Indian lands in the desert of the eastern Imperial Valley – and how the Sierra Club became involved in the struggle.

December 9, 6:30 pm

Movie: HADWIN'S JUDGEMENT

1 Hour 27 Minutes

This film chronicles the tormented transformation of Grant Hadwin from expert logger to environmental terrorist, a man who dared to challenge the destruction of the world's last great temperate rain-forest. Hadwin's one-man crusade culminated in a perverse and outrageous act of protest that was, in itself, a crime against nature. The film has been described as a "magisterial environmental indictment as well as a cinematic work of pure beauty."



November 11, 6:30 pm

Movie: GOLD FEVER

1 Hour 23 Minutes

More than 500 years after the arrival of the conquistadors, the fever for gold still persist. As Wall Street investors push gold prices to record highs, in the highlands of Guatemala a company called Goldcorp Inc. levels ancient mountains to feed that fever, with no



Chapter Outings

Chapter Outings are now an online listing only. With the time gap between publishing and delivery of the HiSierran through the mail we believe this is the best way to get you up to date listings.

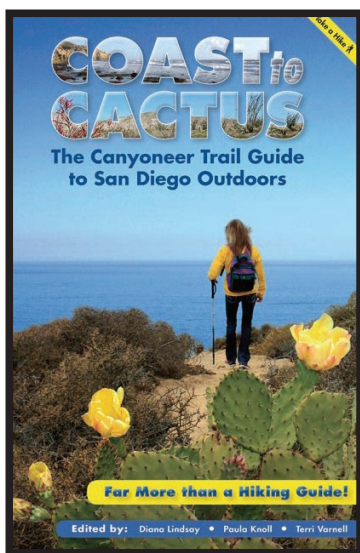
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Then click on "Get Outdoors"

Sierra Talks

New Sierra Talks are on the first Friday, starting with refreshments and representatives from Chapter groups at 6:30 pm and programs at 7 pm with discussions afterward. The location is the Joyce Beers Center at 3900 Vermont St., San Diego, 92103, across the street from Trader Joe's. Parking is available under Trader Joe's and Ralphs Market. Sierra Talks are free and open to the public. Program Coordinator: Ernest "E.L." Lotecka sdwalks@interactor.cc

October 7

Coast to Cactus: San Diego Outdoors



This presentation, based on book of the same name, is far more than a hiking guide to the best of San Diego County outdoors. It is designed to give greater appreciation and understanding of San Diego County, considered one of the 35 biodiversity hotspots in the world. There will be trail naturalists (Canyoneers) introducing habitats and species, as well as cultural and geographical features, found in many "Roam-O-Rama" explorations.

Presenter, Diana Lindsay, is a board member of the San Diego Natural History Museum, a Canyoneer since 1988, an award-

winning author, and president of Sunbelt Publications. Canyoneers are volunteer citizen scientists trained by the San Diego Natural History Museum to lead free public walks throughout the county. Participants on these public walks are encouraged to look at the surroundings to see what makes it special—to stop, look, listen, touch, smell, and examine—to understand the interactions in nature. Diana will be joined by long-time Canyoneers Paula Knoll, and Jim & Terri Varnell, co-editors of the book.

November 4

Grizzly Bears, Biodiversity, and Fire in the Chaparral



Once home to the California grizzly bear and where the last California condors were able to hold off extinction, the chaparral



remains one of the most misunderstood and underappreciated ecosystems on earth. Chaparral found in every county in the state, supports a wild variety of animals and plants, and is

being threatened by too many fires. Protecting the chaparral is essential to preserve what is left of California's priceless biodiversity. Join this exciting exploration of the chaparral's unique natural history, discuss its fascinating wildlife populations, and discover why it represents such a vital link to nature for all Californians.

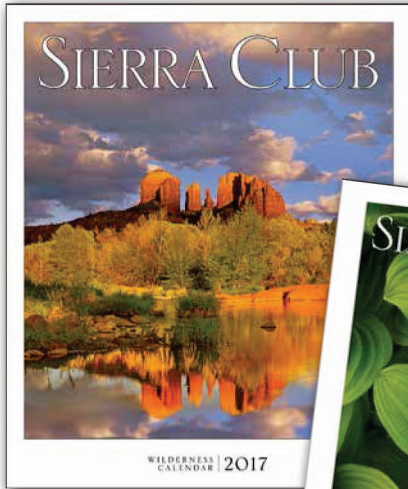


The presenter, Richard W. Halsey, is the Director of the California Chaparral Institute, a non-profit, research and educational organization focusing on the ecology of California's chaparral ecosystem, the dynamics of wildland fire, and the promotion of nature education in a way that encourages communities to

better connect with their surrounding, natural environment. Mr. Halsey taught biology for over twenty years in both public and private schools and was honored as the Teacher of the Year for San Diego City Schools. The second edition of his book, *Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California*, was published in 2008. Mr. Halsey has also been trained as a Type II wildland firefighter.

NOTE: Sierra Talks will not be held in December due to the first Friday being December 2. That is the same date as the December Night festival in Balboa Park with long traffic delays as well as other conflicting holiday events,

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Foster Lodge Update

By Paul Webb

Foster Lodge Committee Chair

I know that our members would have liked to be back in Foster Lodge and its re-built cabin by now, but we have made progress, however incremental, toward that goal.

As you have doubtless heard, we have, after a long and involved process, selected the award-winning architectural firm of Hubbell and Hubbell. Principal Drew Hubbell presented a conceptual plan for the cabin to the Foster Lodge Committee that contains the basic uses and features of the old cabin with a few very desirable upgrades. Working with this conceptual plan, the Foster Lodge Committee, the Outings committee and two of our members who are themselves architects have made valuable revisions to the plan that will greatly improve the final project. Drew and his team are currently

incorporating these suggestions into the concept plan. We anticipate we will receive revised plans along with rough construction cost estimates shortly. Many thanks to the members of the two committees and to Charles Roberts and Sutton Gunning!

We have also learned that the Forest Service and S.D.G.& E.



have reached agreement regarding the electrical upgrades and pole replacements that are to take place in the forest. Happily, our electrical system restoration will be included in the list of projects that the Forest Service has approved.

I appreciate the patience that our members have demonstrated through this long process. I hope to have even more good news regarding reconstruction in the very near future.

Sierra Club's Positions on Statewide Ballot Measures

By Kathryn Phillips

November's ballot is jam packed with 16 statewide initiatives and one referendum.

Sierra Club California's staff and volunteers are continuing to cull through those measures, but as of this writing, the volunteer-led initiative review process has identified three measures on which the Club has taken a position.

Specifically, Sierra Club is urging a "YES" vote on Proposition 56, Proposition 58 and Proposition 67. The measures are briefly described below.

At least one other measure is going through the review process now, and others may be considered as the election approaches. For the latest updates on Sierra Club California positions on statewide measures, check out <http://www.sierraclubcalifornia.org> and follow the "Elections" link located under the "Get Involved" menu tab at the top of the homepage.

You can find the full text of these and other initiatives on the ballot at the Secretary of State's website, sos.ca.gov.

Measures with Positions

Prop. 56--Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement — YES (Support)

A "yes" vote on this measure will increase the tax on cigarettes by \$2 per pack, and e-cigarettes and other tobacco products would be taxed on an equivalent level. The tobacco tax has not been raised since 1998 and is currently one of the lowest in the nation (.87 cents) compared to New York state at \$4.00 per pack.

Sierra Club has long supported reducing public exposure to air pollution, including pollution from cigarettes, and has supported cigarette taxes as a tool for smoking reduction. Cigarette taxes help increase the cost of smoking, discourage smoking and funds anti-smoking education.

Prop 58--California Education for a Global Economy Initiative (EdGE)— YES (Support)

Would overturn restrictions on bilingual education that were imposed in 1998 by Proposition 227.

The California EdGE Initiative allows every student in California the chance to get the most appropriate language instruction and, therefore, become engaged residents who can effectively speak out for the environment and public health.

Proposition 59--California Overturn of Citizens United Act Advisory Question — YES (Support)

This is an advisory measure placed on the ballot by the Legislature, asking whether California's elected officials should be instructed to use their authority (including their authority to propose a constitutional amendment) to overturn Citizens United.

Prop. 67--Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags —YES (Support)

By voting yes on this measure, you will be voting to keep the statewide plastic bag ban signed into law in 2014. A "yes" on this measure is a yes to a clean environment and an end to single-use grocery bags that pollute waterways, harm wildlife, and create a long-lasting litter problem. A "yes" will say no to big out-of-state plastic manufacturers who put this measure on the ballot to try to stop enforcement of the statewide ban.



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PROPOSITIONS AND BALLOT MEASURES

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Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags County of San Diego

PROPOSITION A — NO (OPPOSE)

San Diego County Road Repair, Transit, Traffic Relief, Safety, and Water Quality Measure

PROPOSITION B — NO (OPPOSE)

Lilac Hills Ranch Specific Plan Initiative

Make a Year-End Gift for the Earth

By Richard Miller, Development Coordinator

As you think about your end of year gifts, please consider a tax-deductible gift to Sierra Club San Diego.

Our goal for 2017 is to have the biggest impact we can for the environment and our programs. Our staff and volunteers strengthen our ability to be the voice for citizens who support a clean and healthy environment.

We are seeking tax-deductible conservation investments that will enable us to continue to monitor environmental issues, ensure compliance with local, state and federal environmental laws and provide decision makers with information critical to maintaining a healthy environment.

Here are just a few of the challenges we face:

- *Climate Action Plans are failing to reduce the causes of climate change. All Counties and Cities are required by law to enact Climate Action Plans to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to nature, people and communities from a changing climate. Only through legal action that Sierra Club San Diego has taken can compliance be assured. In a ruling by the Appeals Court of California, the court noted "...that the County failed to analyze alternative, feasible mitigation measures provided by the Sierra Club..." and that the county plan failed to reduce Green House Gas emissions to the required levels to lessen the severe impacts of climate change.*
- *Increasingly developers are turning to the ballot box to get approval for their projects to get around environmental laws and general plans. Developments such as Lilac Hills Ranch in Valley Center seek voter approval to bypass environmental review and safety standards so they can build 1,700 homes in an area currently allowing 110 homes. Other developers are standing on the sidelines waiting to see what the voters do. Passage could encourage other delayed developments such as the 2,135 homes Miriam Mountains project. Our Conservation Committee continues to provide expert testimony and comment letters opposing the Lilac*

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working families like teachers, nurses and construction workers from around San Diego County to oppose Measure A and is urging voters a NO vote. Our Quality of Life coalition has many concerns about SANDAG's flawed Measure, just a few of which include:

- **IRRESPONSIBLE:** Measure A contains no mechanism to link funding with projects that reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions to meet state targets and help stabilize our climate to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.
- **SHADOWY:** Measure A gives SANDAG a blank check to spend our tax dollars – and our children's tax dollars – for 40

years with no accountability and no clear plan to address climate change, safeguard our environment or improve our quality of life.

- **ANTIQUATED:** Instead of moving us into the 21st century with a modern transit system like other major cities, Measure A wastes money to band aid an outdated, poorly planned transportation system.
- **DECEPTIVE:** Although the title of Measure A refers to water quality, it does not fund vital storm water and water infrastructure projects to keep our beaches and waterways clean.
- **CARELESS:** There is no guarantee these tax funds will create pathways into middle-class careers with good wages and

Hills Ranch and other inappropriately sited projects.

- *Voters will decide in November whether to increase the county sales tax by one-half cent to fund more freeways. Higher taxes really mean more freeway congestion and air pollution for decades to come. The San Diego Association of Government's (SANDAG) tax measure fails to include enough funding for public transit projects that will help reduce air pollution and make it easier for people to get to their jobs. This tax measure will harm children's health and irresponsibly spend our hard-earned money to add more cars to the road with no guarantee there will be significant improvements in public transportation, biking and walking infrastructure where we need it most. As a member of the Quality of Life Coalition, Sierra Club San Diego is working with other environmental, health and labor groups to defeat this poorly formulated sales tax increase.*
- *Recently the California Department of Parks and Recreation sought to restrict public access to public lands. The proposed rule would prevent off-trail use in reserves and preserves which would hinder the legitimate and responsible enjoyment of the wilderness by members of the public who have proven dedication to the protection of these places. Sierra Club San Diego rallied our members who wrote dozens of letters and joined hundreds of people who packed a public hearing to demand that access remain open to popular visitor destinations like Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.*

This is only a partial list of the issues that Sierra Club San Diego has been monitoring, improving or fighting for in our region today.

Please consider a year-end gift to Sierra Club San Diego. Checks should be made payable to "Sierra Club Foundation, San Diego Chapter" and mailed to:

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benefits for San Diegans. It also burdens some of our most vulnerable communities with unnecessary freeway expansions that increase pollution and contribute to serious health conditions like asthma.

The bottom line is Measure A would raise taxes for 40 years to increase air pollution, accelerate climate change and make traffic congestion worse. It will impact every family in San Diego County and future generations to come, locking us into a long-term tax that funds a flawed transportation plan and harms our children. We have once in a generation to get this right. We can do better, our communities deserve better and for these reasons voters must reject SANDAG's harmful Measure A.



Call for Nominations

Sierra Club activities are driven by volunteers at the local level and are one of the only environmental groups where volunteers set the agenda. With the re-launch of the North County Coastal Group, now is a great time to get involved and be a part of your local Sierra Club group from the ground level!

The North County Coastal Group (NCCG) will be holding elections this February to fill all 6 vacancies on its Executive Committee. The Group Executive Committee has overall responsibility to assure that the activities and services provided for the benefit of the

members are consistent with the Bylaws, Rules, and Policies of the Chapter and National Sierra Club. These activities may include outings, membership services, financial management, conservation and political programs. The Executive Committee is required to meet a minimum of six times/year. If you would like to submit a name for consideration by the Nominating Committee, or would like more information, contact Carl Pope at seatp3@gmail.com or Diane Nygaard at dnygaard3@gmail.com or Dave Grubb at davidgrubb@sbcglobal.net

Names must be submitted by December 1, 2016. The North County Coastal Group comprises the zip codes of :

- 92007 Cardiff**
- 92008 Carlsbad**
- 92009 Carlsbad**
- 92010 Carlsbad**
- 92011 Carlsbad**
- 92013 Carlsbad (PO Box)**

92018 Carlsbad (PO Box)

92014 Del Mar

92023 Encinitas (PO Box)

92024 Encinitas

92054 Oceanside

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92057 Oceanside

92049 Oceanside (PO Box)

92051 Oceanside (PO Box)

92052 Oceanside (PO Box)

92067 Rancho Santa Fe (PO Box)

92091 Rancho Santa Fe

92075 Solana Beach

Candidates may also submit their names through an alternative process by submitting a petition.

For more information go to

<http://sandigosierraclub.org/get-involved/coastal>



CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

Ballot On Back Cover

Dave Cowan



I have always enjoyed the outdoors particularly hiking and climbing. In the 1990's I volunteered with the Los Penasquitos Canyon Tracking Team doing wildlife tracking surveys. In 2003 I took the San Diego Wilderness Basics Course and a few years later I took the North County WBC course and became a member of the volunteer staff. In 2010 I was elected to the North

County Group Executive Committee where I have been serving as treasurer. I became a Chapter Outings Leader in 2011. When possible I like to spend my summer holiday backpacking.

Doug Grover



I spent many summers during my youth camping and backpacking in Oregon and Idaho. Since moving to San Diego in the early 1980's, I've explored many areas in the western states. My participation with San Diego Sierra Club started during preparation for a week long backpack with a friend who had no backpack experience. We took

the Wilderness Basics Course and had a excellent trip the next month. She has fond memories of both and continues to tell stories about application of information from the class.

While repeating the class the next year, I heard similar stories from other students and was inspired to become a COL and help with the class. Introducing people to the wilderness is the best way to protect it.

In 2015 I was appointed to fill an open position on the North County Group Executive Committee.

During the week, I work on the next generation of cell phones. On weekends, I can be found on local trails. For a week each spring and fall, I can be found inside the Grand Canyon.

Dante Lee



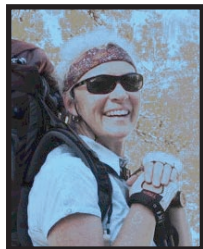
I'm a latecomer to the world of life outside - I grew up around computers and TV. I've day hiked and had gone cabin camping several times as an adult, but I hadn't set up a tent until the 2015 Wilderness Basics Course during Car Camp!

I first discovered my passion for nature when I volunteered at the

Tijuana Estuary in college, which led me to pursue work managing habitats and trails in the San Francisco Bay Area and at the San Dieguito River Park. While I currently

manage data in an office setting, my heart lies in the outdoors. Being a part of the Sierra Club and WBC has opened so many possibilities of adventure within the past 2 years alone. I wish to further the organization by building initiatives that connect with community members - especially young professionals like myself - to become outdoors enthusiasts and future Sierra Club members.

Lori Nickerson



I grew up in a family that fostered a love and respect of nature. Spending time outdoors learning about the natural world has always brought me incredible joy. My first exposure to the Sierra Club was through a memorable WBC Class in 2008 and 2 years ago I happily returned to the WBC for an encore experience.

Reconnecting with the wonderful staff and students made me realize that I want to continue to be a part of this group that encourages people to explore the wilderness in a safe and respectful manner.

I have attended Chapter Outing Leader Training as a means of becoming involved in the leadership activities of the Chapter and last year volunteered to help with WBC. I look forward to continuing my participation in the North County Group Sierra Club.

Suzi Sandore



My first exposure to the Sierra Club was in 2009, when I took the North County Wilderness Basics Course. I was excited to meet so many people that shared my love of nature and the wilderness, and took the course again in 2010 for the sheer enjoyment of it. In 2011, I became a Chapter Outings Leader and I lead hikes and backpacks for the North

County WBC.

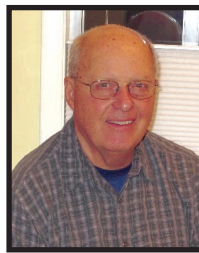
I was elected to the North County Group Executive

Committee in 2012 and have served as the North County Group Chair since 2013. I was instrumental in the development of the North County Group Scholarship program for students who attend North County community colleges and plan to pursue an educational and career path that focuses on the environment. In this increasingly technological and virtual world, I believe it is imperative that young people be able to experience and explore our backcountry and wilderness areas, so that they can learn for themselves how precious these places are and why it's important that we protect them for future generations.

I manage the North County Group Conservation Grant program, which in recent years has awarded grants to the San Dieguito River Conservancy, the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, and the Friends of Daley Ranch. I have also been instrumental in organizing Sierra Club members for volunteer activities, such as habitat restoration projects.

Earlier this year, I was honored to receive the 2016 San Diego Sierra Club Volunteer of the Year Award. In my free time I enjoy hiking our local deserts and mountains.

John Tomlinson



I am a retired aerospace engineer, program manager and facility manager. I first became involved with the Sierra Club when I took the Wilderness Basic Course in North County in 1997 and have been a WBC Staff Member since 1999. I was the WBC Chairman from September 2009-May 2016.

I have served as North County Group ExCom Member and Secretary since 2005. In 2014, I received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the San Diego Chapter.

I am very interested in the mission of environmental stewardship and teaching students to safely explore and ethically enjoy the wilderness. I believe that a significant problem of the Sierra Club is a low participation rate of their members. I am running for reelection because I feel that it is important that we in the North County need to improve in our ability to offer activities that appeal to our members and thereby improve participation.

Save the Date!

NCG Fall Meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016 Backpacking our National Parks

The North County Group presents Starla Rivers, Outings Chair for Sierra Club San Diego who will share her experiences backpacking in a number of our National Parks, including the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Sequoia, and Death Valley.

Our second speaker is Rick Halsey, Director of the California Chaparral Institute, who will talk about the chaparral, California's most extensive, native plant community and its relationship with fire. There will be time to socialize with other Sierra Club members, and refreshments will be served. The meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016 from 7-9PM in the Mitchell Room at Escondido City Hall, located at 201 N. Broadway, Escondido. We hope to see you there!

Adopt-A-Trail

The North County Group is joining the Poway Adopt-A-Trail program and will be providing trail maintenance on the Iron Mountain Trail. We will meet twice a month and are looking for volunteers to help. For more information and to register, please go to our website www.sierraclubncg.org

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- *Nothing in Measure B requires affordable housing at Lilac Hills Ranch.*
- *According to the developer, Lilac Hills single family homes will start at more than \$500,000.*
- *Lilac Hills residents will face HOA as well as Mello-Roos fees for essential services, further driving up home costs.*
- *Measure B will not reduce the cost of housing in the county.*

Measure B Adds to Taxpayer Burden

- *Measure B allows a developer to skirt county requirements to provide schools, water, sewer, fire, and road improvements for more than 1,700 new homes on land that is zoned to support 110 homes.*
- *The project increases fire and safety risks*
- *Taxpayers will be forced to make up for the shortfall in the developer's investment in public services.*

The Meaning of a Sierra Club Endorsement

By Brian Elliott, Political Committee Chair

This August commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service, and I was lucky enough to attend several events celebrating the occasion. At one of these events, I came across a friend who has rapidly ascended up the ranks within the Service to become a park ranger, and her dedication to the parks, their visitors, and the surrounding community are obvious hallmarks of her success. I have always admired the iconic flat brimmed hat that is the central feature of park rangers' uniforms, and so I was quick to compliment my friend's hard-earned hat. As it turns out, she had just recently received her hat, and this was the first time she'd worn it to a public gathering. As she told me this, the sense of pride and responsibility that she associated with her hat was manifest. Indeed, the ranger hat has become a cherished symbol of the National Park Service and its rangers, who dedicate their lives to preserving our most beloved natural and cultural treasures.

The Sierra Club brand holds similar esteem for environmentalists across our nation, and here in San Diego. Over the course of the 2016 Sierra Club San Diego political endorsement process, I've joined our Political Committee in meeting with and getting to know dozens of electoral candidates. Regardless of the outcome of each interview, one aspect is clear from the start: candidates know the value and worth of the Sierra Club endorsement. They recognize the honor of having a "Sierra Club Endorsed" stamp on their website and on a mailer, and understand that the imprimatur of the Sierra Club demonstrates a commitment to conservation, environmentalism, and sustainability. They appreciate that the Sierra Club is composed of thousands of passionate members all over San Diego and Imperial counties, and that our endorsement translates into votes. Perhaps most importantly, all of the candidates come into and leave their interviews understanding that our endorse-

ment is one that must be earned. They never forget that Sierra Club members expect our endorsed elected officials to uphold our values and work for our priorities during their terms and throughout out their careers.

For the San Diego chapter, the process of endorsing qualified candidates becomes simultaneously easier, and busier, every election cycle. As the chapter has recovered and the Political Committee become revitalized, our endorsement is sought by ever more candidates with proven dedication to environmental protection, and also by dozens of candidates new to political campaigns. They have witnessed our chapter work to support those that have advocated for our priorities and vision. In advance of this year's June primary, the Political Committee organized multiple campaign activities for our endorsed candidates, including calling our membership, knocking on doors, and sending mailers. In more than one instance, when endorsed candidates or volunteers were calling Club members, the Club member they were talking to proclaimed, "if that candidate has been endorsed by the Sierra Club, then they have my vote."

As the National Park Service Anniversary event was wrapping up, all the park rangers and volunteers gathered together for a group photo. I watched the rangers pose for the photos, a forest of flat brimmed hats all committed to the same cherished goals. Similarly, our endorsed candidates know the value of displaying the Sierra Club endorsement, and the tremendous responsibility that comes with it. This election season, let's don our Sierra Club "hats," and commit ourselves supporting our endorsed candidates. Let's ensure they are able to prove their dedication to our values and realize our most urgent priorities. If we are ready and willing to stand up for our candidates, we can achieve amazing, lasting change for our counties and our environment. Remember to go vote on November 8!

West Coast National Ocean Policy Forum

Saturday, November 5, 2016

12:30 Outdoor refreshments, Forum 1:00 - 3:30,

Optional coastal field trip 4:00

La Jolla Recreation Center,

615 Prospect Dr. La Jolla, CA 92037

The National Sierra Club's Marine Action Team (MAT), a Grassroots Network coalition of scientists and experienced activists from around the United States, is hosting forums nationwide to promote better protection of our precious - and precarious - ocean ecosystems. The San Diego Sierra Club Chapter has been chosen to host the 2016 forum for the Pacific Region! Topics presented will include frameworks, tools, and political processes for helping marine advocates of all backgrounds to effectively implement sustainable ocean policies. Club members, community activists, leaders, and agency managers are encouraged to attend this unique collaboration and networking event.

Speakers will include John Hansen (National Ocean Policy West Coast Regional Planning Body), Katie Davis (Santa Barbara Sierra Club Chair), Doug Fetterly (Sierra Club Hawaii, MAT Chair), Renée Owens (Wild Zone Conservation League, Sierra Club Wildlife Chair), and others TBA.

For more information and a forum agenda please contact Renée Owens renee@wildlifezone.net



100th Anniversary Celebration of National Park Service

Sierra Club San Diego celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the National Park Service and Park System with a public showing of the IMAX film National Parks Adventure on August 25th at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

The film offered a great message about the importance of national parks and protected areas for preserving our natural and cultural heritage and the responsibility of every single one of us to support parks now and into the future. The event helped to educate our members and the public on the importance of our National Parks and the role they play in the ability

of the public to experience the wonders of nature.

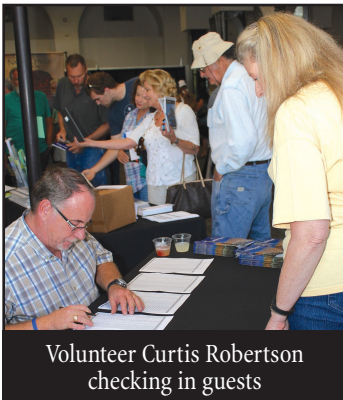
On Aug. 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Organic Act establishing the National Park Service (NPS), which at the time oversaw 35 national parks and monuments. Until then, there had been no guarantee that the country's national parks would be protected and preserved by the federal government.

Now there is a vast network of 408 parks, forests, monuments, battlefields and coastline encompassing 84 million acres that have become some of the most visited tourism destinations in the world.

Honored guests and speakers included

Congresswoman Susan Davis; Susana Reyes, member of the Sierra Club Board of Directors and Sierra Club Secretary; environmentalist and philanthropist, Tom Steyer; and Andrea Compton, Superintendent of Cabrillo National Monument. The 100th anniversary received special recognition from the City of San Diego with a proclamation declaring August 25, 2016 as National Parks Service Day.

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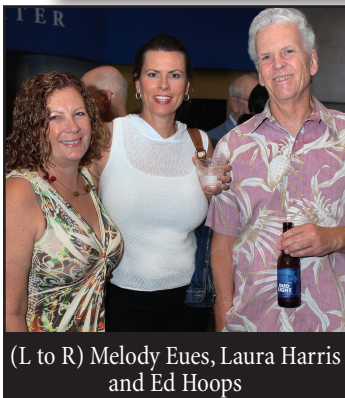
Volunteer Curtis Robertson checking in guests



National Park Service information table



Chapter Chair Ruben Arizmendi presenting City of San Diego proclamation declaring August 25, 2016 as "National Park Service Day"



(L to R) Melody Eues, Laura Harris and Ed Hoops



(L to R) Outings Chair Starla Rivers and Larry Klaasen



(L to R) Melody Eues, Ron Manherz, Marty Hambright and Pat Klaasen



(L to R) Karen Kees, Mike Fry, Starla Rivers, Pauline Jimenez and Jim Jimenez



(L to R) Ranger Alex Warneke, Superintendent Cabrillo National Monument Andrea Compton, Congresswoman Susan Davis & Ranger Emily Floyd



(L to R) Lemon Grove City Councilman George Gastil, Steering Committee member Fred Rogers and Lemon Grove City Councilwoman Jennifer Mendoza



Chair, Social Section, Michael Taylor & another guest sampling the food



Congresswoman Susan Davis



Sierra Club San Diego Chapter Chair Ruben Arizmendi



Sierra Club Secretary and Board of Directors member Susana Reyes



Superintendent Cabrillo National Monument Andrea Compton



Environmentalist and Philanthropist Tom Steyer

We would like to extend a special Thank You to our volunteer photographer, Deborah Gostin. A special website has been set-up for you to view all of the photos from the event. Go to <https://goo.gl/photos/6vG8b4vKeqexdXF37>.

The Way for Sierra Club Members to Combat Climate Change Go Solar in October, Get a \$1,000 Discount

As Sierra Club members, we know the growing threat of climate change poses real challenges to our local communities. Fortunately, we also know we can take simple actions to create a healthier, more sustainable future. From choosing reusable bags and energy efficient light bulbs to advocating for cleaner transportation, Sierra Club members are making cleaner, greener choices every day.

Now, through the Sierra Club Solar Homes Initiative campaign, members have another opportunity to do our part to combat global warming. This innovative partnership between the Sierra Club and Sungevity, provides members and supporters an affordable way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower energy bills and support the campaign work of their local Chapter.

For every home that goes solar through the Solar Homes Initiative, Sungevity will give you a \$1,000 discount and Sierra Club San Diego will receive \$1,000 towards our work to protect the environment.

Request an iQuote from Sungevity today at www.SC.org/Solar or call our solar homes representative at **844-815-5614** for more information.

San Diego ICO: Growing the Environmental Leaders of Tomorrow

by Bill Tayler

Every year, San Diego ICO introduces hundreds of children to mountains, canyons, deserts and coastal areas throughout San Diego County and beyond. By the end of 2016, we will have led more than 70 outings with more than 600 youth participants from underserved communities to destinations as close as Mission Trails and as far as Joshua Tree and Sedona. For almost all of these children, San Diego ICO is their only opportunity to hike, camp, snorkel and otherwise explore the diverse natural areas that we, as Sierra Club members, often take for granted. In partnership with the Parks4Kids program sponsored by the Outdoor Foundation, we

are seeking to fund at least 30 hiking and 5 camping trips in 2016 and 2017. All donations made through the Parks4Kids program will go directly toward trip expenses, and all donations are tax-deductible. Because we are all volunteers, your donation to San Diego ICO goes a long way: \$100 takes 12 kids snorkeling in La Jolla cove, \$200 takes 12 kids exploring the Anza-Borrego desert for a day, and \$300 takes 6 kids camping for a weekend in Joshua Tree.

We believe that we are not just helping these children learn about and enjoy nature. We believe that, in doing so, we are building the next generation of environmental activists and Sierra Club leaders. We hope that you will join us in this important work. Thank you for your support!

Sierra Club ICO Fundraiser for Underserved Youth

ICO helps low-income and underserved youth in San Diego County learn how to explore, enjoy and protect the outdoors through hiking and camping trips.



We are seeking \$7,500 to provide funds for 30 hiking and 5 camping trips during June 2016 - May 2017.

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Raised out of
\$7,500
Help Us Meet
Our Goal**



Please go to www.parks4kids.info/campaign/detail/4636 or email btaylor@taylorlaw.com for more information or questions.

Inspiring Connections Outdoors

Bill Tayler
San Diego, ICO Co-Chair



Sea Lions and Shooting Stars

by Bill Tayler

One of the things we strive to do through San Diego ICO is give the kids on our outings a diversity of outdoor experiences. This summer, we took students from Stephen W. Hawking II STEAM Charter School on two very different outings: snorkeling in La Jolla Cove and night hiking in the Laguna Mountains to watch the Perseid meteor shower.

In July and August, we took three groups of students on snorkeling trips to La Jolla Cove. For most of them, it was their first time swimming in the ocean. After getting the hang of using a mask and snorkel, the kids loved venturing further and further from the beach and seeing the garibaldi, kelpfish, schools of mackerel, and all of the other marine life in the Cove. And just when they started to feel comfortable and calm, we could count on one of the resident sea lions to come zooming past, sometimes pausing to look us over and blow bubbles in our faces, and sending the kid's adrenaline soaring. Good times for the curious kids and, it seemed, the equally curious sea lions.

In August, we took 16 students for a night hike to Foster Point, arriving just before sunset, which gave them plenty of time to climb rocks, check out the desert views, find a geocache and watch bats catching their dinner while we waited for darkness to arrive. Once it got dark and the meteor shower began, the kids settled in for the show, keeping count of how many meteors they saw. After about an hour of meteor-watching, we turned on our flashlights for a night hike back to the cars. Some of the kids said that was the best part of the whole night. They commented on how "fresh" the air smelled at night, and jumped and screamed at every unfamiliar sound in the bushes. Both outings gave the kids unique ways to experience nature, and we'll definitely be doing more of both in the future!

Inspiring Connections Outdoors is a Sierra Club outreach program that provides free wilderness experiences to urban youth, to help them realize the wonders of exploring the outdoors, develop the skills to do it safely, and nurture a desire to protect natural spaces. Please visit our website at www.sandiegosierraclub.org

Volunteering With ICO –

6:30 to 7:30 pm every 3rd Thursday of the month on odd numbered months (Feb, May, etc) at the San Diego Chapter office: 8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 101. For information about volunteering with ICO, please contact Bill Tayler by email (btayler@taylorlaw.com) or by telephone (858-531-5442)

Join us on an ICO Trip – Want to see us in action? Join us as a guest on a day trip. Please contact Bill Tayler at btayler@taylorlaw.com

How to Donate – We appreciate your support helping us to provide exciting, safe adventures free of charge. To receive a tax credit for your donation, please make your check payable to "Sierra Club Foundation/San Diego ICO" and send to:

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Submissions are subject to approval for content and subject matter.

Wilderness Basics Course 2017

"Experience the beauty of the wilderness with knowledge and confidence!"

10 Week Course Starts:

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This comprehensive 10-week course consists of 10 Tuesday night meetings and 4 weekend trips to the local deserts and mountains. The weekend trips include car camping, navigation, backpacking and even snow camping (you'll love it). Choose from outings that range from easy to extremely challenging. The Wilderness Basics Course is only offered once a year. It is open to both members and non-members of the Sierra Club.

For More Info and To Register:

San Diego

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Escondido

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North County Group Executive Committee Ballot and Instructions

The following ballots are to elect members of the North County Group Executive Committee. The Group Executive Committee governs the business of the Group. They are the key committees responsible for making important policy decisions and setting priorities for the future. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes in descending order will be elected. Please follow the instructions on the ballot regarding the number of votes allowed. Write-in candidates are allowed.

How to Vote: You must write your membership number on the outside of your mailing envelope (below your return address is a good place). Your membership number is required for your vote to count (this is how the election committees can verify that you are a member). Your membership number is the eight (8) digit number that appears above your name and mailing address.

If you are unable to locate your membership number, please call the Chapter office at 858-569-6005.

North County Group Executive Committee Ballot

North County Coastal Executive Committee Members are elected to serve a term of two (2) years.

Vote for no more than four (4) candidates, including write-ins, by marking the box next to a candidates name, including write-ins. For JOINT memberships please use the second set of boxes to vote.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dante Lee | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> John Tomlinson | |

All ballots must be received by 5 p.m. DECEMBER 1, 2016
Ballots should be mailed or hand delivered to:

Elections-San Diego Chapter Sierra Club
8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. #101,
San Diego, CA 92111

If you live in these North County Group Zip Codes, Please Vote!

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| 92046 Escondido | 92068 & 92069 San Marcos | 92088 Fallbrook |
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