

## Richard Miller wins Statewide Award

Richard Miller recently won the prestigious Mary Ferguson Award given to the Sierra Club staff member in California for exemplary service to the Sierra Club.

The nomination letter, approved unanimously by the Sierra Club San Diego Steering Committee said "Richard is Sierra Club San Diego." The nomination also highlighted Richard's detailed knowledge, history, and institutional memory of the local chapter and its relationship to state and national Sierra Club which is beyond anyone else in Southern California. Members of the club rely on Richard for the day to day operations, advice, and big picture planning. Richard sees situations through the eye of Sierra Club and its mission, and luckily for us, that is reflected to our members



*Richard Miller*

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## Fun Conservation Outings Start-Up

As part of a beginning effort to provide more conservation oriented fun outings, a group of interested Conservation Committee and Outings Committee members have begun talking about best ways to help people connect to the outdoors and at same time address important environmental issues in our community.

Sierra Club San Diego is proposing the possibility of offering two-hour hikes or social events combined with two-hour work parties to protect various areas around San Diego County, from our forests to our canyons and beaches. We could also offer outings and social events combined with telephone or post-card writing campaigns to both explore and help conserve wildlife and open spaces. In some cases, we might join efforts with our other environmental partners in San Diego.

*If this excites you and you would like to become involved in this start-up effort and get on our email list for this program, please email Karenlee at [klrobinson@sierrasd.org](mailto:klrobinson@sierrasd.org).*

## Conservation Update

*By George Courser, Conservation Committee Chair*

### County of San Diego Climate Action Plan Inadequate – Again!

Protecting and conserving San Diego County's extraordinary biodiversity is a primary goal of Sierra Club San Diego. Because of outstanding member support, your Club leadership is at the forefront of defending nature and our members' quality of life from the growing risks of climate change. Sierra Club's dedication to a sustainable environment has been unwavering, even at the risk of litigation due to the County of San Diego's inadequate Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Despite repeated communications from Sierra Club (and a record of defeats in the courts) the County Board of Supervisors continued to allow its Planning and Development department to attempt to evade required environmental protections. Most unfortunately, the newly released 2017 revised Climate Action Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report still fails to meet the 2020 Green House Gases (GHG) reduction goals, while creating future problems for our entire County.

Sierra Club San Diego continues to stand up for the health of our environment through the skills of our exceptional legal team of Chatten-Brown & Carstens. The passage below succinctly describes the County's shortcomings in the latest Climate Action Plan (CAP).

*"As described more fully below, the Revised CAP and SEIR are legally inadequate by modifying or effectively deleting Mitigation Measure CC-1.2 without additional analysis; erroneously claiming that 2014 is the first year data was available for a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory; allowing out-of-County offsets; failing to require a reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT's) for housing projects; providing only a token annual reduction of VMT's for County employees; and failing to exercise its influence to encourage the San Diego Airport Authority to reduce GHG emissions reductions from airport ground operations, increasing public transit to the airport, and reducing emissions from vehicles serving the airport. Of great importance, no open lands should be annexed or rezoned for greater development until there is an adequate CAP that actually achieves the 2020 emission reduction goals the County agreed to in its 2011 General Plan Update."*

The requirement for an effective and enforceable CAP began with approval of the County's 2011 General Plan Update. The

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### Ruben Arizmendi

When last I left a Word from the Chair, I wrote to you of two extraordinary persons who have been mighty contributors to local Sierra Club causes, Karenlee Robinson and George Courser. This time around you should learn of Richard Miller and Paul Webb. These two environmental giants have been at it for years.

Paul Webb's work with Anza Borrego Desert State Park, California's desert wilderness jewel and his consistent, but mostly persistent, pursuit of the Foster Lodge repairs is where I came in knowing Paul. From all accounts, San Diego Sierra Club owes a deep debt of gratitude for all the dedicated works that Paul has done over the years. Needless to say he has always been ready to lend an ear when I need to bend an ear. Thanks much, Paul.

Many of you have become familiar with Richard Miller. A more dedicated and devoted soul to San Diego Sierra Club would be impossible to find. Richard has been at the helm of the ship for more years than I know. For many of you readers when you think of San Diego Sierra Club, you think of Richard. Without him so much of our priceless work would not get done. Richard, if not amply rewarded here, you will surely be crowned King Richard in heaven.

I will not rant and rave about Trump's careless, reckless and insane actions in this issue. It should be noted however that the harm he is doing to the environment by reviving the Keystone Pipeline, by reducing Utah's National Monuments, by forging ahead with the Wall, by denying the Dreamers their future (just to name a few of his manmade disasters) have all resulted in litigation. After 3 attempts, the Trump administration finally managed to write a travel ban that the U.S. Supreme Court approved. The Supreme Court's approval declares the travel ban constitutional, but it doesn't make it right.

I think for many of you, the question quite naturally arises, "What does the travel ban and the Dreamers have to do with the Sierra Club's environmental issues?"

It is my great hope that most of you Sierrans have jumped on board with our Sierra Club CNRCC Environmental & Social Justice Committee. This Committee sprung to life this past October 28, 2017, when our very own George Courser inaugurated its existence at

the California State Convention, which is held in conjunction with the California/Nevada Regional Conservation Committee (CNRCC) annually.

By virtue of its title, Environmental and Social Justice, this committee has spearheaded long-standing concerns of the Sierra Club not only from our traditional environmental angle, but also from a social justice perspective. In addition, to the challenges identified above, i.e., the travel ban and the Dreamers battle, also earmarked as a crucial social justice issue is housing, the shortage of housing, the density of proposed housing and the environmental impact of poor housing decisions.

Folks, put in no uncertain terms as sentient beings, walking this beautiful planet that we cherish, we should all be united in favor of what is fair, just, equitable, inclusive and simply right in this world. And the corollary applies here too: We should all be united against discrimination, bigotry, hate, violence, destruction and frankly all things negative that bring us down as the sentient beings we are.

For some of us that's a tall task. You may rightly challenge me asking, "How dare I ask this of you?" It is also my great hope that those who ask this question are a small handful only.

The short answer is I dare because those of us who have battled to do good for mother earth, for ourselves, our children, grandchildren and for all peoples and for all ages to come deserve to have these issues fall on the side of justice, fairness, equity and honesty. For if we are to live in a world that promotes anything short of this, we will truly be seeking our demise as sentient beings.

And make no doubt about it, the current administration, and its ilk, is filled abundantly with racists, hatemongers, naysayers and, in short, the worst humankind has to offer. Maybe, we can agree that it makes no sense to hate the hatemongers. It doesn't.

So it is incumbent upon us, the people who care, to mobilize in the direction that simply makes more sense. Let us continue to make this precious gem known as Earth the best it can possibly be for everyone.

*Peace on Earth and Good Will to All.*



# Whale Watching Trip

**Experience the Best of Nature**

**Sunday, January 14, 2018, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Join fellow Sierra Club members and friends as we venture out to locate gray whales. It will be the height of the grey whale migration along our coast and your opportunity to see whales from afar and up close. Past trips have seen as many as 15 whales. We will also have onboard a marine mammal biologist, naturalist and researcher of gray whale conservation to lead our trip and provide interesting facts about the creatures we observe.

This is the 10th year that we have offered this chartered trip. The boat is modern, spacious, and has a comfortable galley. Unlike other whale watching cruises that only last a few hours and barely get you out of San Diego harbor, we really get out to where the whales are migrating along our shores. We also do not pack you on like sardines; we have a limited number of seats as opposed to hundreds. Bring your cameras and binoculars to make this a memorable whale watching trip.

**Cost for Adults is \$55 and a child 6-13yrs old is \$30.**

*Reservations can be made online at*

<http://sandiegosierraclub.org>, by calling 858-569-6005 or by check, made payable to "Sierra Club San Diego" and mailed to: Whale Watching Trip, San Diego Chapter Sierra Club, 8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, Ste. 101, San Diego, CA 92111. Please include the name, address, email, and telephone number of each person. No tickets will be issued. By making payment you are officially registered and will receive notification and confirmation.

For questions or more information, email [scoffice@sierrasd.org](mailto:scoffice@sierrasd.org) or call 858-569-6005.

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## Think Globally, Act Locally

By Jody Stell



While I was visiting family in early May, a favorite aunt (she's as environmentally passionate as I am) and I saw the trailer for "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power" and we clapped

and hooted in the movie theater. We were so excited for this movie to come out. At the time, I thought in my head, "I would love to put together a group of friends to go see this then have a discussion afterwards about it".

Well, my dream came true...without me even having to plan it. In mid-July, our San Diego Sierra Club chapter invited its Chapter Outing Leaders to a pre-screening of Al Gore's documentary at the Mission Valley AMC theater, two weeks before general release. It was to be accompanied by a panel discussion afterwards. I signed up immediately.

The day came, and three friends of mine

carpooled down to the screening with me. We enjoyed the movie about the Climate Crisis (yet to be honest, it's hard to 'enjoy' something that's scaring you so much about the future of our planet; more on that later), then the speakers for the panel began. Leaders and representatives from the Sequoia Foundation, San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action, and a Gore disciple from his renowned training program spoke to the audience. They were so passionate, excited, and knowledgeable that it really gave me hope!

If you see the movie and end up wanting to spread the message, there is a PDF or PowerPoint presentation designed to educate in ten minutes at the Climate Reality Project.org website called the "Truth in 10". If everyone is unable to see the entire documentary, they can at least know the important facts from this.

That same week, a Wilderness Basics Course friend reached out via Facebook asking if anyone wanted to join her for the July 19 Activists Orientation (there was second one held on August 17 too). After seeing the movie and hearing the speakers, I was in! I felt like I had to do something but I didn't know what. I thought this Orientation may give me some guidance.

Ally and Morgan are the young, friendly co-coordinators for activism in our Chapter. The Orientation was well-organized and casual, yet very informative. Presentations were given by many Chapter subcommittees, including the Political Committee and the Conservation Committee. Even though I've been a fairly active member of the Club since 2002, it was a great refresher and I actually learned a lot more than I had known in the first place.

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# Sierra Club Bus Trips

Part of the largest grassroots environmental organization in the country, Sierra Club provides environmentally friendly outdoor adventures.

Save the date for the following trips: 2018

Since 1982 the San Diego Chapter has been offering bus trips to a variety of National and State Parks.

What makes these trips special is that they are organized by a fantastic team of volunteer leaders and nobody pays them for their efforts. They do it out of an appreciation for these special places and a passion for sharing them with you. We look forward to having you join us on a bus trip to explore, enjoy and protect the planet.



**March 24 - 25, 2018**

**Joshua Tree Wildflowers**

Trip type: Bus Camp

Registration Opens: February 3, 2018 at 6:00 am

**May 16 - 20, 2018**

**Grand Canyon**

Trip type: Bus Camp or Backpacking

Registration Opens: March 31, 2018 at 6:00 am

**July 18 - 22**

**Yosemite National Park**

Trip type: Bus Camp or Backpacking

Registration Opens: June 2, at 6:00 am

**August 15 - 19**

**Mammoth Lakes**

Trip type: Bus Camp or Backpacking

Registration Opens: June 30, at 6:00 am

**September 13 - 16**

**Channel Islands - Santa Cruz**

Trip type: Backpacking and Tent Camping

Registration Opens: July 28, at 6:00 am

**October 5 - 7, 2018**

**Mammoth Fall Colors**

Trip type: Day Hikes and Condos

Registration Opens: August 18, at 6:00 am

**For more information or to register for the above Bus Trips, please visit [www.sdsierraclub.org](http://www.sdsierraclub.org).**

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# Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

## 2018 Schedule!

April 8-10 • May 6-8 • June 10-12 • July 15-17 • August 19-21  
September 23-25 • October 21-23

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands.

Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines, Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds—and an occasional whale. Watch for the highly endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara. The cost, \$675, includes an assigned bunk and all meals, snacks, and beverages. A ranger/naturalist assigned by the national park will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and give evening programs. Kayaking will be overseen by our concessionaire; all hikes will be on trails, class 1 terrain. This trip is a fundraiser to support the Sierra Club political program in California. To reserve space send a \$100 deposit, written to California Sierra Club PAC to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information contact leaders: Joan Jones Holtz: [jholtzhln@aol.com](mailto:jholtzhln@aol.com); 626-443-0706. Wayne Vollaire: [avollaire1@gmail.com](mailto:avollaire1@gmail.com); 909-327-6825



## It's Pupping Season For The La Jolla Harbor Seals!

Carol Archibald, PhD  
Co-coordinator,  
Seal Society of Sierra Club San Diego

Pupping Season for the La Jolla Harbor Seals runs from December 15th through May 15th. Casa Beach (aka Children's Pool Beach) will be closed to people during this time. If you go to the beach, you will see many pregnant females and mothers with newborn pups. Most of the births occur in February and March. Last year about 60 pups were born on Casa Beach; the only rookery (where birthing occurs) for 160 miles to the north. If you're lucky, you may actually see a live birth! Pups weigh 20 - 25 pounds at birth and instinctively know how to swim. Mothers and pups identify each other by smell; they touch noses. The mother also recognizes her pup by its distinctive mew-ing sound just as human mothers know their baby's cry.

It's a magical sight to view the pairs of moms and pups on the beach together.



Photos courtesy of Roxy Grant

The pups may be nursing or sleeping next to their mothers. Mothers nurse their pups for 4 - 7 weeks, after which they are left on their own to forage for food. It's important that the pups acquire a thick blubber layer during this time so they can

withstand the cold water. The closure of the beach is essential to allow mothers to nurse and instruct their pups on essential survival skills to be used after they are weaned.

It's estimated that 1.5 million visitors come from all over the world each year to see the seals. Seal Society of Sierra Club San Diego volunteer docents teach them about the behavior and life cycle of these resident marine mammals. In a short span of two hours, docents may encounter people from many different countries who are eager to learn about the seals.

The Seal Society has a free training program for people interested in becoming docents. If you wish to participate in the conservation of this unique colony in their natural habitat, please contact Ellen Shively at 619 479-3412 or [ellenshively@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenshively@sbcglobal.net). It's great fun and very rewarding!

## A Tour of San Onofre Nuclear Plant

By Peter Andersen, Chapter Vice-Chair

On Monday, September 18, 2017, six members of the San Diego Sierra Club participated in a nearly four-hour guided tour of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. We asked many questions regarding the safety of the plant and the danger to human life. We received



repeated assurances that this facility is the most fortified and secure station possible. Any person or entity attempting to breach the security would find it a virtual impossibility. In exercises, U.S. Navy Seals have been unable to penetrate the place. The thickness of the concrete and steel massive protective structure is designed to withstand a direct nuclear attack. The irony was not lost on any one of us.

Much of the non-essential structures are being allowed to simply deteriorate without any maintenance because the plant has shut-down permanently. While it is true that the storage of the spent rods which create the nuclear waste remains an issue, James Madigan, director of Nuclear Oversight Safety Culture and Regulatory Affairs, asserted that the rods can be safely stored on site indefinitely. There are possible storage sites in New Mexico, Texas and Washington but as can be readily surmised no one is anxious to accept them.

We pressed James for the adverse impact on the environment but whether intentionally or not, he was evasive, changing the subject somewhat deftly. His discussion on the history and politics of San Onofre kept us sufficiently enthralled. He told us that one-hour tours were available to the public free of charge. Obviously, those are not as extensive as the tour they gave us. Also obvious was that the tour was whitewashed so as not to create panic or fear in the environmental and general community.

## How The Sierra Club Is Transforming Into A More Equitable, Just And Inclusive Organization

All across America, the Sierra Club is hosting workshops for staff and volunteers to transform the organization to one that is more equitable, just and inclusive. Recently 4 volunteers, Mayela Manasjan (North County Coastal Group), Kelly Conrad (North County Group), Bobbi Jo Chavarria (San Gorgonio Chapter) and Stefanie Maio (San Diego Chapter) attended the Growing for Change Workshop in Denver, Colorado. At the workshop the representatives from Southern California had the opportunity to meet people from across the country who were interested in learning how they could be part of the club's transformation.

Over the two days, participants learned more about the history of the Sierra Club including the founding of the club by a group of privileged individuals and how the club is looking to incorporate the Jemez Principles in this journey of transformation.

## Sierra Social Section Announcement

We are a diverse social group of all ages who share a common interest in enjoying people as well as environmental wonders. We have a variety of member



led outings and activities, some with the Sierra Club Main Chapter, that include Day Hikes, City Walks, Picnics/Lunches/Dinners, Volleyball, Movie Nights, Concerts, Happy Hours, Car Camps, and Special Events. In 2017, we have observed vernal pools, had a beach bonfire potluck, camped/hiked at Agua Caliente, Mt. Laguna and Palomar Mountain, and celebrated the year with a holiday party. Any Sierra Social member can host an Activity (such as meeting at a concert, happy hour, game night, party at your house, etc.). Members receive the monthly "Happenings" newsletter and weekly updates of Section events via email. We also have a Facebook page, Sierra Social Section - San Diego.

We're making exciting new plans for 2018 and welcome new members to help expand our offerings. In the new year, we will have social-paced hikes (Cypress Canyon on January 1), a Super Bowl Party with pre-game hike, stars/meteors viewing, car camping, and lots more including Mount Laguna El Prado car camp. We also are the team that supports "Sierra Talks: Stimulating Speakers, Socializing, and Snacking". Anyone is welcome to join Sierra Social Section for an initial \$10 annual fee. If you are a member of the Sierra Club already, you can join without a fee by emailing your name with Club ID number to [sierrasocialmembership@gmail.com](mailto:sierrasocialmembership@gmail.com).

The Jemez Principles have been endorsed by the Sierra Club Board of Directors as a set of guidelines designed to help people from different struggles and communities work together in solidarity.

Each of attendees are sharing what they learned at the Growing for Change workshop with their respective Executive Committees or Steering Committees to encourage everyone to incorporate the Jemez Principles in transforming the Club.

How can you make a difference? Learn more about the Jemez Principles and try to incorporate them in your daily lives.

*Jemez Principles*

- Be Inclusive
- Emphasis on Bottom-Up Organizing
- Let People Speak for Themselves
- Work Together In Solidarity and Mutuality
- Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves
- Commitment to Self-Transformation

# Join SANDAC

No, not SANDAG, that is the San Diego Association of Governments. This is SANDAC, the San Diego Activist Citizens. SANDAC consists of Sierra Club volunteers who will monitor and educate the SANDAG board members. The goal is to team up a Sierra Club volunteer with each SANDAG board member and alternate. That volunteer would be the point person for communication with their board member. That would include one-to-one meetings with the board member, as well as occasionally speaking at local city council meetings and SANDAG board or subcommittee meetings.

Why are we doing this? Well, reactive approaches like suing SANDAG did not convince them to change their ways, so we are going to try a proactive approach. The goal is to persuade SANDAG to prioritize public transit in the 2019 edition of the Regional Transportation Plan. The strategy is to make

*Richard Miller continued from page 1* and the entire San Diego community. Without Richard, there is no Sierra Club San Diego. He was described by the nominators as dynamic, warm, smart, dedicated, efficient, positive, and motivating.

For more than a decade prior to becoming a staff member Richard was a long-time volunteer and served on the Chapter's Executive Committee, as Chapter Chair for 5 years, a member of the Sierra Club California Executive Committee and as Chair of Sierra Club California. Richard has served for eight years as the Chapter Development Coordinator, Development Associate and the chief administrative officer for the San Diego Sierra Club.

Richard has provided amazing training, support and guidance for dozens of new Executive Committee/Steering Committee members and Chapter leaders over the past decade. He is excellent at keeping club leaders from making inappropriate mistakes and he ensures the Chapter is in compliance with the myriad of Sierra Club policies and regulations.

He has overseen restoration of the Sierra Club Foster Lodge and organized our post-fire recovery effort. Has been the principal liaison to National Sierra Club, the Forest Service, the Insurance Company, the workers clearing the debris and reestablishing electric and gas utilities, the architects developing plans for a new cabin, and coordinating all of that for and with the Foster Lodge Committee.

*Sierra Club California obviously agreed with the Chapter Steering Committee in selecting Richard for the prestigious Mary Ferguson award.*

sure that they know we are watching them, and make sure they understand that the public wants real action on climate change.

There are 21 voting members on the SANDAG Board, one from each of the 19 local jurisdictions (18 cities and the county), plus an extra member for the county and the City of San Diego, which each get two seats. Each member can have two alternates, and most of them do. So, we need up to 63 volunteers to team one volunteer up with each member or alternate. That means we need YOU. Ideally, the volunteers should live in the same city as their board member.

## **So, what would you be signing up to do if you join SANDAC? Here are the basics:**

1. *Contact your board member, introduce yourself, and explain that you are teamed up with him or her as their very own Sierra Club point person. Ask for a meeting.*
2. *At that first meeting, explain what we are trying to accomplish. A script will be provided to you.*

## **California Court Confirms San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Violated Law With Sprawl-promoting Transportation Plan**

*Mike Bullock*

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) produces an updated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every 4 years. In 2011, Cleveland National Forest Foundation and the Center for Biological Diversity challenged SANDAG's 2011 RTP, under the California Environmental Quality Act. The Sierra Club and the California Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of California, joined in the challenge, early in 2012.

Besides the plaintiffs, many other organizations and individuals had submitted comment letters, when the draft RTP was made public. These included the AG and San Diego Sierra Club. SANDAG ignored their comments.

The case eventually went before the State Supreme Court. The final, published, Appellate Court ruling was issued on the 16th of November, nearly 6 years after the litigation started. Being a published ruling, it sets legal precedent.

The final decision emphasizes the Supreme Court's conclusion that agencies like SANDAG must evaluate their long-term projects for consistency with the climate pollu-

3. *Attend a meeting of your board member's city council. Introduce yourself, and explain to your board member's colleagues what we are trying to accomplish.*
4. *When an action alert goes out on the SANDAC network, ask for a meeting to deliver the message from the alert. You will get a prepared script that you can adapt and personalize.*
5. *Attend a meeting of the city council and repeat the message from the alert, so the full council hears what we are asking of their SANDAG representative.*

I know, this sounds a little scary. Never fear, most public officials actually like to meet with their constituents. And we are going to provide you with some training on how to make a public comment at a meeting, as well as on how to hold a one-on-one meeting with your board member.

To join the SANDAC team, contact Richard Miller at the Chapter office at [scoffice@sierrasd.org](mailto:scoffice@sierrasd.org) or call 858-569-6005.

tion reductions that scientists and California policymakers agree are necessary, to avoid the worst effects of climate disruption. It also requires that agencies take real steps to address climate impacts—not “kick the can down the road,” as the Superior Court had said. The ruling faulted SANDAG for failing to consider any alternative to its plan that focused on reducing vehicle-miles travelled (VMT), even though SANDAG's own Climate Action Strategy acknowledges the need to reduce VMT.

### **From the ruling:**

*Missing from the EIR is what CEQA requires: a discussion of mitigation alternatives that could both substantially lessen the transportation plan's significant greenhouse gas emissions impacts and feasibly be implemented.*

### **The ruling sounds similar to the final, published ruling of Sierra Club's lawsuit against the County of San Diego's bogus first Climate Action Plan, where it said:**

*The Sierra Club also provided specific examples of feasible GHG Reduction measures that would actually reduce GHG emissions and could be adopted without delay.*

### **And also:**

*The Sierra Club provided feasible mitigation measures. The County rejected these mitigation measures without substantial evidence for doing so.*

It is unfortunate that lawsuits are necessary. We need to educate decision makers to achieve real progress in fighting climate change and to do as much as is feasible, not as little as possible.

# SAN DIEGO

## Chapter Activities

All Activities are held at the Chapter Office 6:30pm 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](http://www.sdeln.org)

**January 12, 6:30 PM**

**Movie: "The United States of ALEC: A Follow Up" (2013) : 52 Minutes**

Bill Moyers hosts this exposé of the American Legislative Exchange Council, a secretive organization whose members are state legislators, corporate representatives, and corporate lawyers and lobbying firms, but which claims to be a non-profit organization and a "non-partisan public-private partnership" whose mission is "educational". They have met in cities across the country (including San Diego) to craft bills which are then introduced into state legislatures: bills to block climate change and renewable energy laws, to make it harder to vote, to privatize education, to do away with collective bargaining and living wage laws. Their ultimate goal is to shrink the role of government so that the private for-profit sector runs the country, and nothing remains of the public sector. Is this what "democracy" looks like?



**February 9, 6:30 PM**

**Movie: "In Pursuit of Silence" (2017) : 1 Hour 21 Minutes**

A meditative exploration of silence and the impact of noise on our lives, this film takes us on an immersive cinematic journey around the globe from a traditional

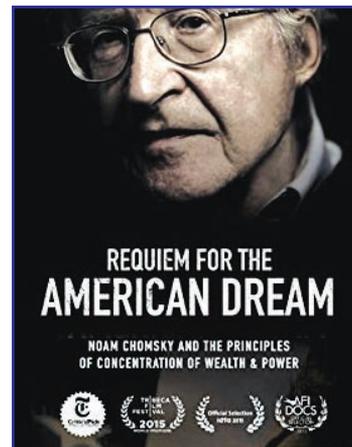


tea ceremony in Kyoto to the streets of Mumbai, the loudest city on the planet – and inspires us to both experience silence and celebrate the wonders of our world. "A remarkable documentary ... thoughtful and restorative," according to Kenneth Turan of the L.A. Times. Scott Tobias of NPR comments that this film is "pure cinema. As much a visual treat as an aural one."

**March 9; 6:30 PM**

**Movie: "Requiem for the American Dream" (2015) : 1 Hour 13 Minutes**

In this documentary interview, Noam Chomsky, professor of linguistics and longtime political analyst and activist, exposes with searing clarity the forces and policies behind the coordinated campaign to concentrate wealth and power in the hands of a select few. Called "one of the best entry points to the discussion of inequality" by the Hollywood Reporter and "a provocative x-ray of current American realities" by Roger Ebert, Chomsky's film, provides penetrating insight into the demise of democracy and erosion of opportunity that are likely to be the lasting hallmarks of our time.



### We Are Missing Some Movies!

We are missing a few DVD's from our office collection, if you borrowed any of these, we would appreciate it being returned.

"U R Pre-Approved" – credit cards and debt.

"Forks Over Knives" – animal-based diets and disease.

"Living Downstream" - environmental links with cancer – Sandra Steingraber.

"Vanishing of the Bees" – colony collapse disorder.

"Over Troubled Waters: The Fate of California is in Your Hands" – water and the fate of the California delta – Ed Bagley.

"Carbon Nation" – a climate-change solutions movie.

## 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 "EL" Lotecka [sdwalks@interactor.cc](mailto:sdwalks@interactor.cc)

## January 5

### Return of the Wolves: Myths and Realities

In December of 2011, wolves made their historic return to California for the first time in almost 90 years, but what does this mean for the Golden State? Meanwhile, in the southwestern United States, the Mexican gray wolf struggles to regain a foothold for a population that at one time had been reduced to only seven unrelated individuals. Join with the California Wolf Center as we dispel the myths about wolves, evaluate the ecological need for these top predators, and take a closer look at the need for coexistence as wolves return to our rural communities.



*Speaker Frank Capolupo has many years of experience in nonprofit education and outreach. His passion for wolf recovery is undeniable and he is a critical part of the California Wolf Center's education and outreach team, helping spread the truth about wolves. Join Frank as he leads us through the history of wolves in North America and the efforts taking place today to recover this iconic species in the wild.*

## February 2

### Afoot and Afield in San Diego County

Join us for a presentation detailing the making of the 5th edition of San Diego's "hiking Bible, new information and hikes contained within the volume, and a discussion on some of the best new and old hiking routes in the county. It also touches on some of the ongoing and emerging issues affecting San Diego County's open spaces, as well as various ways in which hik-



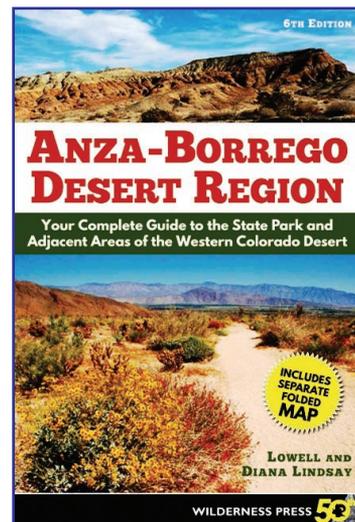
ers of all stripes can engage in contributing to the health and vitality of the county's vast trail network.

*The presenter, Scott Turner is the co-author of the new Afoot and Afield San Diego County. From 2014-2017, this avid hiker, backpacker, photographer, and writer re-hiked the entirety of the 4th edition of Jerry Schad's classic to update and revise the existing text while adding 50 brand new hikes and a number of additional route information for the new edition.*

## March 2

### Anza-Borrego Desert Region Guide

For almost 40 years this resource book has been the most comprehensive guide for Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area, and the surrounding region including federal Bureau of Land Management desert lands. The new expanded 6th edition includes: 200 trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians; expanded park areas in the Laguna Mountains; new interpretive panels and cultural preserves; and an updated pocket map. Co-author Diana Lindsay will tell the story behind the guidebook. Find out what is new in this edition, including some trails not previously published anywhere.



*Diana Lindsay has been intimately involved with the Anza-Borrego area for 50 years. She was a board member of the Anza-Borrego Foundation for almost 30 years and served twice as president of that organization. In 2013 Diana was presented with the Medallion Award—the state's highest honor for "superior achievement" in volunteer service. She is an honorary California State Park Ranger.*

# Chapter Forms Environmental Justice Committee

## Human Right to Water a Top Priority

By George Courser

Sierra Club San Diego is now in the testing phase of a new statewide committee for Environmental Justice which originated within our chapter.

*Here's how we got there:*

Our Conservation Committee had been the lead on Sierra Club California approving a resolution for implementing the 2012 Human Right to Water bill signed by Governor Brown, but having no funding mechanism. Our examination of this far reaching problem was initially regarding lead in San Diego School District drinking water, then arsenic test results in well water used for school drinking water in Warner Springs.

A closer statewide look at waterborne contaminants revealed numerous situations where public health was in jeopardy by drinking tap water. We learned of superfund sites, the presence of heavy metals, bacteria, viruses, pesticides, herbicides in groundwater and the potential for up to 3 million California residents who may find themselves deprived of clean, accessible and affordable water for drinking, domestic and sanitary purposes. Unsurprisingly, these water insecure communities were almost unanimously underserved, underrepresented people of color, the disabled, migrant worker family status or poverty-stricken seniors lacking capabilities of self-help.

We then witnessed firsthand in San Diego the largest outbreak of Hepatitis A in modern U.S. history. The outbreak reached near epidemic status in our burgeoning homeless population, and is still plaguing us with new cases more than a year after public disclosure. While Hepatitis A can prove fatal; soap, clean water and bathrooms in conjunction with a vaccination program prove highly effective in preventing further cases. Here was eye-opening evidence that our initial examination of water scarcity could have enormous impacts across our population as a whole.

An expanding population of unrepresented and underserved people and cultures, who have been directly confronted as "illegal", unwelcome and dangerous is a threat shared

by all of us who value peace and democracy. It became clear that our freedoms are closely linked to those who find theirs at risk by mere skin color, accent, culture, dress or choice of friends and partners. These daunting circumstances in place, the leadership of Sierra Club's California Nevada Regional Conservation Committee (CNRCC) decided that Environmental and Social Justice required the specific focus that a statewide committee can bring to shared problems. With that authority our committee was launched.

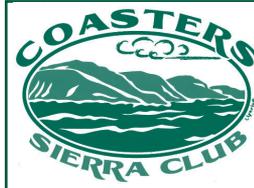
Michelle De Nicola and I are presenting resource information as a news feed of EJ articles, of both wide and narrow focus. We recognize the Environmental and Social Justice category is unfortunately increasing in scope on a weekly basis. We welcome your contributions of topics and articles to share statewide. The Environmental & Social Justice Committee's purpose is to assist our members with background information and potential solutions for their own local and regional problems. Readers of this note will be on the "Ground Floor" as far as assisting with topics and areas of emphasis. We are presently exploring evolving into a Listserv site for better searching and selection by topic so please contact Michelle at michelle.denicola@yahoo.com or George at gcourser@hotmail.com to sign up and receive the latest news.

We invite everyone and welcome the opportunity to serve our San Diego members.

*Think Globally continued from page 3*

In conclusion, 'An Inconvenient Truth' was very interesting but also a bit depressing. I wanted some better news at the end of the movie, but the panel discussion and the Activists Orientation gave me that better news. And a plan for moving forward with hope. There are numerous opportunities within our Chapter for helping out, taking action, informing others, working with local politicians, and affecting change that will shape our future. It's a very exciting time and I hope you get involved too!

*Jody Stell is a Chapter Outing Leader and Staff member on the Wilderness Basics Course who has kept a Hiking Log since she moved to San Diego and joined the Sierra Club; her favorite was the Camino de Santiago in Spain. She has Explored and Enjoyed, now she will Protect.*



# Save The Date

## North County Coastal Group

### Quarterly Meeting

Encinitas Community Center

Tuesday, January 9th 7:00 - 8:30

Special Speaker

Encinitas Mayor  
Catherine Blakespear

Please join us for a special  
"2018 Kick-off meeting."

This will be a great opportunity for members to let us know what's most important as we set our goals and plans for 2018.

## Have A Good Time At The Beach But Take Away What You Bring!

### Bottles, Butts, Balls, and no (plastic) Bags

In 2016, California became the first state to ban free plastic



shopping bags at some retail stores. The impact was quite evident to the Seal Society of San Diego Sierra Club members collecting discards at South Casa Beach on Nov. 11th. The group wore gloves and wandered far to the south, finding an interesting array of debris in the sand, cliffs and rocks. When we reassembled we found enough material to fashion a "Lady of the Shore" image using bottle caps for eyes, a Styrofoam capsule for a nose, two tennis balls under a woman's tee shirt and unmatched flip flops. We surrounded the image with cigarette butts, and put the whiskey bottle in a gloved hand. Tobacco may be swallowed by fish while plastic breaks down into microgranules which never disintegrate. Broken glass mixes with the sand and rubber sandals to give off toxins over time. The message is loud and clear: Have a good time at the beach but take away what you bring.

## CDFW Expands Land Pass Program in 2017-18

By Julie Horenstein and Peter Tira, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is expanding its Lands Pass Program to 42 wildlife areas and ecological reserves and will soon require a CDFW lands pass of all visitors 16 or older. Those carrying a current hunting or fishing license are exempt from this new requirement.

CDFW's Land Pass Program began in 1988 as a way to broaden the funding base beyond hunters and anglers to pay for the management and operation of some of the state's most popular and frequently visited wildlife areas and ecological reserves. In 2012, the California Legislature directed CDFW to expand the program to more properties as a way for all visitors to contribute to the management of the places they enjoy and appreciate. A list of the lands pass properties, where the lands passes will be required, plus additional details is available at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/lands-passes](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/lands-passes).

A daily lands pass costs \$4.32 and an annual lands pass will cost \$25.10 in 2018. Lands passes can be purchased online at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales), by phone at (800) 565-1458, and in-person wherever hunting and fishing license are sold (locations at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing)). The passes, which are good at any lands pass property, are not sold on site and should be purchased in advance. Though lands passes can be purchased from a smartphone and used immediately, many of CDFW's wildlife areas and ecological reserves are in remote locations with limited or no cell service or Wi-Fi availability. Signs will be posted notifying visitors of the need for a lands pass and explaining how to obtain them.

Other exemptions from the lands pass requirement include school and organized youth group field trips (including accompanying adults), volunteers while they are working on a lands pass property, and researchers who are carrying a valid letter of permission to conduct research on the property. Note that CDFW considers school groups to include preschool through graduate school classes, as well as school clubs that provide science or environmental education.

All lands pass revenue will go to managing California's native species and habitats on CDFW lands. Providing the name of the property you plan to visit is not required during the purchase process, but it is requested. Providing it assists CDFW with directing funds to that property. For additional information about the Lands Pass Program, please contact Julie Horenstein at [julie.horenstein@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:julie.horenstein@wildlife.ca.gov).

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands Pass Properties in San Diego County

*Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve*  
*Boden Canyon Ecological Reserve*  
*Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve*  
*Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area*  
*San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve*  
*San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area*

## Chapter to Address Tijuana River Pollution

By Peter Andersen, Chapter Vice-Chair

The San Diego Chapter is in the process of forming an international, non-governmental coalition that will initiate a study of the water system and sewer system of Tijuana, Mexico. The goal is to locate the main leaks and problems in the sewage system of Tijuana with goal of stopping pollution of the Tijuana River, problems on both sides of the border, and pollution in the Pacific Ocean from the mouth of the Tijuana River.

Fortunately, a group of high level Mexican architects and engineers believe they know where the problems are and how to fix them. This coalition of the Sierra Club, Environmental, Engineering, Architectural, and Education groups will produce a report on the sewer and water system with a plan to reduce illness and sewage spills that create health concerns for the citizens of Tijuana and residents along the Tijuana River.

The coalition includes the San Diego Chapter Sierra Club, the newly formed Mexico Border Team, San Diego Global Knowledge University, the National Council for the Construction Industry in Mexico, The Tijuana Association Professional Architects (Colegio de Arquitectos de Tijuana), and the Tijuana Association of Civil Engineers (Colegio de Ingenieros Civil de Tijuana). The coalition has met numerous times in San Diego and Tijuana. The coalition determined that the highest priority project was to investigate, produce a report, and begin to act to help alleviate the sewage and water problems in Tijuana. Plans for raising money for the project will be next.

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*Conservation Update continued from page 1*

General Plan acts as a "constitution" for land use planning, providing guidance for where, and how much, new growth and development will be allowed. The General Plan also required that any new growth comes with mitigation protections to assure the CAP climate change goals are met. The mitigation measures put in place insure protections for air and water quality along with biological and sensitive lands.

Sierra Club San Diego was highly involved in the creation of the county's 2011 General Plan Update. This was a 13-year process, costing taxpayers \$18,000,000 and thousands of volunteer hours. Former Chapter Chair Eric Bowlby and Executive Committee member Bonnie Gendron represented Sierra Club values in the County Interest Group, composed of environmental organizations, realtors, developers and farmers. It was here where the concept of a Climate Action Plan was developed to conserve our back country and fight the effects of climate change. Thanks to our members' support, Sierra Club San Diego remains a key defender of nature and wildlife in San Diego County.

For more detailed information on the County General Plan, Climate Action Plan or Chatten-Brown's comment letters to the County, please contact George Courser at [gcourser@hotmail.com](mailto:gcourser@hotmail.com), or 858-231-0156.



# North County Coastal Group Executive Committee Candidate Statements

## Amelie Catheline

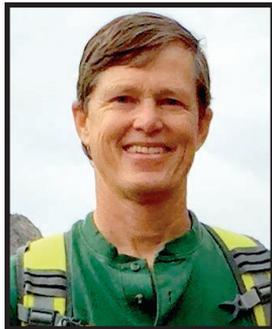


As a scientist (Ph.D. in Chemistry), community leader, environmental volunteer and recent recipient of a Sustainable Business Practices certificate from UCSD Extension, I strive to demonstrate my passion for nature and protecting our planet every day. I recognize that we have many environmental challenges including climate change, but I am particularly interested in identifying

opportunities to promote water conservation, food security, and zero waste.

Since becoming a Sierra Club member seven months ago, I have been volunteering my time with the North County Coastal Group's Executive Committee. If elected to serve on the Executive Committee, I look forward to growing our local efforts to connect with our coastal communities, providing outreach to our members and promoting the overall mission of the Sierra Club to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. Thank you for your consideration.

## Mark Jenne



After 36 years in the Sierra Club I've come to appreciate the value of local groups to affect issues that impact our daily lives. I'd like to see the North County Coaster group help preserve the natural beauty of our wild and semi-wild areas, help people find ways to experience nature often, and help elect responsible people to public office.

I'm currently on the Coaster executive committee, serving as secretary. I'm also a volunteer naturalist/docent for the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy and a member of the Encinitas Urban Forest Advisory Committee. I enjoy learning about the great variety of life that dwells in and passes through this area, and look forward to working with you all to make our Sierra Club fun and effective!

## Carl Pope



I have been a Sierra Club member since the 70's and believe in the mission of exploring, enjoying and protecting the planet. I believe having clean air, water and food is a human right worth fighting for. I have been actively volunteering for the North County Coastal Group for the last couple of years.

If elected I will do my best to help lead and provide support for the group. I am particularly interested in developing outings in the north county coastal area and with coastal water quality issues.

**Ballot is on the back cover**

**All ballots must be received by  
5 p.m. February 15, 2018**

**Make sure to read all the instructions  
before submitting your ballot!**

## Sierra Club Bicycle Section

We capped off another fun year of exploring city and county roads with a weekend away in Borrego Springs and delivering toys to children served by the Salvation Army. We're looking forward to our annual holiday potluck and Chinese New Year's gatherings. Join us!



You can always find our schedule of rides and a membership form on the web at [sandigosierraclub.org/get-outdoors/bicycle](http://sandigosierraclub.org/get-outdoors/bicycle).

# Inspiring Connections Outdoors

Bill Tayler  
San Diego, ICO Co-Chair



## Fall Camping and Hiking in Mammoth Lakes, Yosemite, Joshua Tree and Sedona

by Bill Tayler

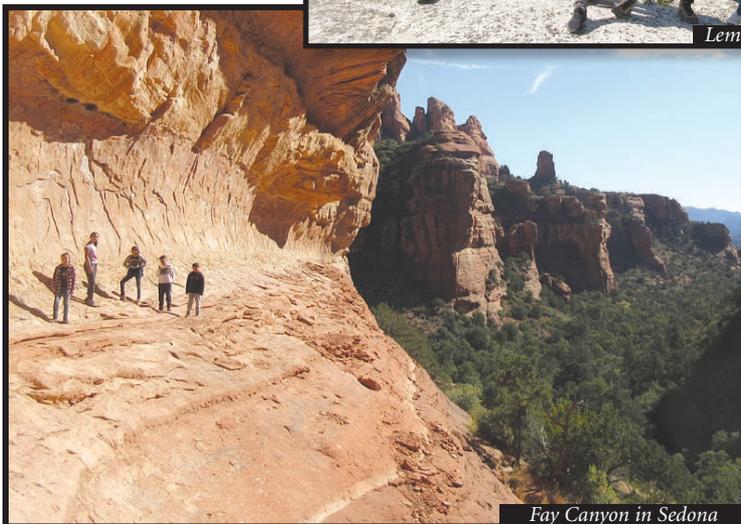
This past fall, San Diego ICO took students from the Hawking II STEAM Charter School on three different trips – each to an amazing destination. In September, we spent 5 days camping in Mammoth Lakes and hiking the nearby trails, including a day spent in the Yosemite high country. The kids learned quickly that at 9,000 feet, the hiking is hard and the lakes are frigid! There was even some snow left for us to play in, and some kind strangers shared with us a couple of fresh trout that we cleaned and cooked for breakfast. On the way back home, we stopped at Manzanar, where they learned first-hand about the Japanese internment camp and the dangers of demonizing entire ethnic groups (a timely discussion and one that really hit home with the kids, who were all Mexican-American).

In October, we camped for 3 days in Joshua Tree National Park, exploring and rock-hopping all over our favorite places in the Wonderland of Rocks. Several times we came across bighorn sheep, including one young ram that came very close to us at the top of Rattlesnake Canyon.

In November, we spent 5 perfect days in the sunshine of Sedona, where we explored remote canyons where we discovered ancient Indian ruins, scrambled up redrock, swam in Oak Creek, took a sunset hike up Bell Rock (and a night hike back down), and even chased a group of javelinas out of camp! On each of these trips, the kids got to know a different slice of the diverse wilderness that we have, and we all got a reminder of why we fight to protect and preserve these special places for the next generation of ICO kids. #RESIST



Lembert Dome in Yosemite



Fay Canyon in Sedona



Joshua Tree Monzogranite

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:btayler@taylorlaw.com)

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## Is Being Green on Your New Year's List of Resolutions?

Michelle De Nicola

You may remember Kermit the Frog singing the tune "It's Not Easy Being Green". Well it can be! In the next few issues of the HiSierran, we will include tips from Michelle De Nicola on what you can do to live a greener lifestyle. Choose a couple of items and include them in your New Year's List of Resolutions.



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### Reusables, Not Disposables:

- **Towel Power** - Use cloth towels instead of paper towels. Dedicate a few kitchen towels to drying produce after you wash it, and put a washcloth in with your baby greens to absorb moisture. Use a cloth or sponge to clean up counter spills, and keep one for floor messes too.
- **BYO Towel** - Keep a washcloth or small towel in your bag or car and at work, so when you are on the go, you can dry your hands with your own personal towel, instead of creating paper towel waste or using electricity from running electric hand dryer.
- **BYO Bags** - Get reusable bags for all your shopping. Also try the mesh produce bags. Don't buy into the so-called reusable plastic shopping bags or the paper bags at checkout. If you forgot your bags, grab a cart and wheel your groceries to your car.

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- **Bye, Bottled Water** - It takes more water to make the plastic bottle of bottled water than to fill it up. Get a reusable, washable bottle instead.
- **Rechargeable batteries** - Buy a few sets of rechargeable batteries with chargers instead of buying single-use.

Interested in more tips, visit [sandiegosierraclub.org/conservation/new-years-resolution-going-green](http://sandiegosierraclub.org/conservation/new-years-resolution-going-green)

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