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Updated COVID-19 Guidance

Sierra Club President Ramón Cruz and Executive Director Michael Brune

We are making the decision to extend our current COVID-19 operational response through Monday, August 31st. This means all national, chapter and shared offices will remain closed, with rare exceptions for urgent business continuity needs. Travel, in-person meetings, public events and outings will remain on hold through at least August 31st as well.

This is a difficult decision, but we believe it is the right one for our organization and for each other. We have and will continue to prioritize the safety of our staff, volunteers, members and the general public. There is no current vaccine for COVID-19, no effective treatment, 20,000 new positive tests or more are often registered daily in the U.S., and as of this date, there are more states with increasing numbers of positive tests than states in which positive cases are falling.

Looking ahead, we should all prepare for the very real possibility we continue modified and remote operations well beyond this summer. This is not a choice we want to make but, again, we're mindful of our social responsibility to do what we can to protect people's health.

Over the next two months, we'll continue to develop options for a return to our offices, as well as our outings, public activities and engagement. When we do return to our offices, in September or at a later date, we will likely not all return at once. With guidance from Safety and ongoing engagement with stakeholders, including chapter and national staff as well as volunteers, we will develop plans to minimize risk, while addressing special needs and local challenges as they arise.

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Philanthropy Is Important Now

In the midst of these very challenging times, we are deeply grateful for our members and supporters. We recognize that these are unprecedented times we are living in, that we are being challenged everyday in new ways and that life as we know it has probably changed forever. This includes our financial support for non-profits, including the Sierra Club.

We recognize that San Diegans who are without a paycheck or experiencing a decline in income are suffering. We need to support one another wherever possible including making a financial donation when capable. There are many deserving organizations that need our help, so if you are able to make a financial contribution, please consider giving where you feel it will be most impactful.

During the COVID 19 pandemic, to protect our members, the public and our staff, our offices have been closed as many other organizations and businesses. And just like those organizations and businesses, our costs for office space, utilities, staff and operations continue.

Here at Sierra Club San Diego, we share a deep commitment to protecting our local wild places, clean air, livable climate, and pure water. Despite all the struggles we are facing, you should feel proud of the work we are accomplishing together.

Fortunately, Sierra Club San Diego is full of vibrant volunteers and staff who immediately found effective ways to continue to engage our members and supporters in some of the region's most pressing environmental issues: implementation of transportation plans that increases public transportation, Climate Action Plans that reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, preventing our backcountry from inappropriate development, protecting our water resources and much more.

Of course, none of this is easy. The forces that promote profit over all else are using the pandemic to push their agendas. With your help, Sierra Club San Diego can continue to work tirelessly to make sure that your voice is heard. And to continue that work, we need your financial support.

With your help we will continue to: Escalate our work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help solve our power needs, create green sustainable jobs, and address the climate crisis.

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David Hogan

Black Lives Matter.

Many of us who are normally focused on the protection of the environment and nature have watched in horror over the last few weeks as our country has been torn apart at the seams by continuing racial injustice and violence. Black people murdered again (and again, and again) by racist vigilantes and police. Police violence against peaceful protestors. Far-right agitators instigating property destruction and violence at peaceful protests. And a deeply racist President fomenting division and violence with Tweets supporting armed, far-right COVID closure protestors while decrying protestors against police violence as “thugs”, deploying the military, and threatening to start shooting.

It's crucial to say their names, to recognize the humanity of those killed most recently: Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and far too many others. It's crucial to recognize the fundamental inhumanity of the United States' systems of justice and economy and how these systems are intertwined to kill or repress people and destroy both nature and our human environment. As Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune said recently, “As an organization, it is important that we recognize the climate crisis is a product of the same extractive capitalist stance that dehumanized the labor of enslaved people. Extractive industries were built on racism, colonialism, and patriarchy.” And it's crucial we environmental activists support our progressive allies, not just with words but action against racism, against inequity, against injustice, and in support of systematic reform.

As Chair of Sierra Club San Diego, I will be asking our Executive

Committee to move to action on several local measures to support equity and justice. First, Sierra Club opposed City of San Diego Mayor Faulconer's proposal to increase the police budget by over \$27 million dollars. Like the bloated federal budget for the military, local budget increases for police come at the expense of important civic, environmental, and social programs and departments like parks and recreation, libraries, storm water, homeless services, sustainability, and emergency COVID assistance to renters and small businesses. San Diego is facing one of its greatest budget deficits in history and a massive increase to the police budget is obnoxiously tone deaf to the current health and civil crises.

I will also ask the Executive Committee to join the San Diegans for Justice coalition and San Diego City Council President Georgette Gomez at the City Council meeting on June 23 in support of a new independent Commission on Police Practices. The new Commission will replace the City's current weak Community Review Board on Police Practices, would be controlled by citizens rather than politicians and law enforcement, and will improve public trust and police accountability by providing independent review and oversight of routinely unjust police practices.

And I will ask the Executive Committee to support the Coalition for Police Accountability and Transparency's “Police Accountability Now” package of five policy changes that will address racial and identity disparities in police departments across San Diego County: Passing policies limiting the use of discretionary stops and searches by police; ending the enforcement of low-level offenses and investing in non-law enforcement alternatives to respond to

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From Outrage to Justice

By Michael Brune

Executive Director, Sierra Club

(May 29, 2020) By now, you've likely seen the video of Christian Cooper, a Black birder, being unjustly harassed by a white woman who was illegally walking her dog off leash in Central Park. Amy Cooper's call to the police could have resulted in yet another death of an unarmed Black person at the hands of an officer—just like George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others before them.

What happened to Christian Cooper is part of a long, ugly history of racial exclusion in our parks and public spaces. Like water fountains and lunch counters, many national parks were once segregated. Black people have been killed for drifting into waters that were supposed to be for whites only. Just a few months ago, a Black person, Ahmaud Arbery, was killed for running in a neighborhood that his murderers seemed to believe was for whites only.

Racist incidents like these go a long way toward explaining why Black people feel excluded from our country's wild places and national parks. But Black people and other people of color deserve to be safe in our parks and public lands. They deserve to be safe while going for a run. They deserve to be safe sitting in their own vehicles, as George Floyd was before he was pinned to the ground and murdered by police. They deserve to be safe relaxing in their own homes, as Breonna Taylor was doing when officers fired more than 20 rounds into her kitchen and living room. They deserve to be safe, period.

We should be outraged—and I know that millions of us are indeed outraged—by the racist violence inflicted upon Christian Cooper, Arbery, Floyd, Taylor, and so many others. But as Sierra Club members and supporters, we need to go beyond outrage to working for justice. As an organization, we're committed to making the outdoors a safe place for everyone. So many of us have found peace, joy, and community in the woods, on the water, on the mountains, and in the desert—and we know that everyone deserves to have the outdoors as a refuge, especially in these challenging times.

To make that vision a reality, we need people like you—people who have joined our outings, who volunteer their time and money to protect their local wilderness—to become anti-racist allies. You are the person best positioned to make sure that

your local trails and birding spots are safe places for people of color. Just like we need to work hard to fight climate change and protect nature, we need to be active in dismantling the racism that is tearing our country apart. Indeed, we cannot separate these issues. The companies that have profited from fossil fuels and accelerated the climate crisis are the same ones who have benefited from environmental injustice, colonialism, and racism.

What does it look like to practice anti-racism in the outdoors? I'm not going to pretend to have all the answers. But if you're white and you get outdoors with people of color, listen when they talk about what they need to feel safe, and work to make it happen. Don't dismiss people's stories of experiencing aggression or fear in the outdoors, even if they don't match your reality. Ask your local park administrator what they're doing to protect people of color. If you or your friends encounter an Amy Cooper on the trail, step in to de-escalate the situation and reduce harm. What bystanders do matters.

And we need folks of all identities to get involved with existing efforts to make the outdoors safe for everyone, because everyone can benefit from time spent in nature. Learn about the Sierra Club's Outdoors for All campaign and how you can get involved. Support our partners in this space, like Latino Outdoors, GirlTrek, and Outdoor Afro (full disclosure, I serve on their board).

None of us will end racism through our individual actions. Systemic evils demand systemic changes. But together, we can work to make the outdoors a safe haven for everyone who needs one. As Christian Cooper told *The New York Times*, "We should be out here. The birds belong to all of us."

And our anti-racist practice must not end when we leave the park, or get into our cars and drive away from the trail. As so many have noted, Amy Coopers are in our workplaces. They're in our schools. They're in our churches and temples. The racist fears that drove her to call the cops on Christian Cooper are the same ones that motivate officers to use deadly force.

We must hold ourselves responsible for calling out injustice wherever we see it, and working for change. Because, to paraphrase Christian Cooper, this world belongs to all of us.

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crises by divesting money from police budgets; establishing independent community oversight boards with investigation and subpoena powers; adopting robust de-escalation policies; and banning the use of chokeholds and carotid restraints.

There will likely be the usual questions of how these issues relate to the mission and agenda of the Sierra Club. Again, in the words of Michael Brune, "Our mission is directly connected to ensuring Black Lives Matter in every realm and

we cannot succeed in our work to rebuild our economy without racial justice at the fore." And Sierra Club founder John Muir: "When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe." Social justice, equity, and protection of the environment are inextricably linked. After all, we can't expect anyone to care for the planet as they are denied fundamental human rights and needs for survival and while they are under siege by it from polluters or the police.



Stories from the Beach

The recent health crisis has not only closed many of San Diego's beaches, it has cut off our ability to document at the beaches. In place of our usual article, documents from the Chapter's Seal Society have written up some of our many past experiences to share with you.

Ellen: Witness to a Pup Napping

One day as I was standing with visitors on the sea wall watching two late term females looking about ready, the smaller female gave birth right near the seawall at the water's edge in full view of many awed spectators. What a beautiful experience for these people to take away with them, I thought. Then, a most startling behavior occurred. The larger female, as yet undelivered, swam between the birth mother and her newborn and began the bonding process - ways mothers and pups begin to recognize each other by nosing, smelling and listening to the unique sounds of each. The smaller mom, greatly distressed, tried every way to reclaim her own, but the pup-napper had no intention to return this pup to its rightful mother. As fate would have it, large mama proceeded to give birth within the hour, did not even turn to see her newborn, but continued her maligned abduction. After much thrashing and attempts to reclaim her offspring, the small mom swam toward the neglected second pup and began to provide the necessary care. I often wish that small mom could have planned her own coup, but I seriously doubt this ever happened.

Nature's Way: Another memorable witness was to watch an adult harbor seal emerge from the water holding an octopus clenched in his or her mouth. The captured octopus's eight tentacles were squirming in every direction to no avail. My heart went out to the victim of nature's laws in the food chain: "eat or be eaten".

Carol: Mother Seal and her Stillborn

It was Saturday and about 70 people were heading to the beach for a wedding on South Casa Beach, where a mother seal kept vigil by her stillborn pup. She'd been there for over a week. I rushed down and talked to several key people: the maid of honor, best man, and photographer. I explained the situation and asked that no one come anywhere near the two seals. Since the beach is quite small, I decided to draw a line with my shoe about 12 feet from the mom. This is closer than I usually get to a harbor seal as it's illegal to come that close. As I looked into the mom's face, I was awestruck! She wore a more grievous, mournful look than I've ever seen on a human being. Her devastated face has never left me. If I had ever had any question about the emotional depth and caring of marine animals for their young, it was dispelled on that day.

Harbor Seal Memorial Service

One day I noticed an elderly seal had fallen ill high up on the sand. Another seal kept vigil by his side, raising the head of the sick seal with his front flippers as if trying to rouse him. Many seals in the colony came to visit the ailing seal, stroked his back, and then lifting their heads to the sky, they appeared to howl like coyotes.

When the sick seal died, the other seal stayed loyally at his side through day and night. The ranger assured me the high tide would carry the dead seal out. For five days the others formed a circle around him at high tide to prevent the sea from swallowing him.

On the sixth day, the seals opened the circle, allowing the dead seal to float out to sea, back to the ocean's depth. How like humans who

spread their loved one's ashes over the ocean, where the water reclaims them as their own.

Clearly, the seals are very intelligent and possess societal rules and mores. Not unlike humans and many other animals, the seal's Memorial Service was a tribute to a loved one who had fallen.

Lori: "Sunshine" on a Rainy Day

It had been raining all day but I finally went down to Casa Beach to document

It was the first day of March in the middle of pupping season which is generally from late January, through late March. I knew this because this was my second season documenting with the Seal Society and experienced documenters had assured me that if I went to Casa Beach now I would likely see a birth. When I arrived, I could see that the tiny beach was filled with around 60 or so big mamas almost ready to deliver. I affectionately referred to them as "double wides." I could see that one of these double-wides was very active, clumsy and agitated, as she inch-wormed her way up the beach and away from the rest of the seals in the colony.

Based on my own maternal experience, I told the visitors that I thought "Big Mama" was going to deliver soon. A couple from Arizona, who had to leave to meet up with friends, anxiously asked "When?" I didn't know for sure, but as we could see the big mama having contractions, I guessed it was going to be soon. The couple dashed away but let me know that they would try to be back. As it turned out "soon" came sooner than even I expected. The rain tapered off to a drizzle and Big Mama made her way almost to the bottom of the stairs where we were all on the mid-level stairway above. I let the crowd know that if they were really quiet, they would be in for quite a treat.

Moments later Big Mama gave birth to a healthy pup. As the pup entered the world, the drizzle stopped and the sun came out. Somehow, I had the presence of mind to record the birth on my cell phone. A moment later, the couple returned and saw my recording, which was the next best thing to being there. In that moment the mom and the new pup started nose to nose bonding and nursing. The visitors all agreed on how lucky we were to witness this great miracle of life, and to name the pup "Sunshine". You can view Sunshine's birth at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxmqJCKYJzI>
A Pup Is Born, March 1, 2015

Robyn: The Reuniting

It was late July and most of the over 100 sea lions at La Jolla Point had given birth, a good year with over 53 pups so far. Most were by now about 4 weeks old, walking on all four flippers, and practicing swimming in the small pools created when the tide goes out. I was on the rocks overlooking the point answering tourist's question and explaining that each adult female has only one pup per year when one of visitors asked "Where are all the moms? I explained that many sea lions were out to sea hunting, leaving their pups on the rocks huddled together in a "nursery". Just then I noticed a sea lion come out of the water and up onto the rocks, calling to her pup in her own unique voice. As they were perhaps 30 yards apart, I suggested that we back up to give the mom and pup more room to help them reunite. It worked like magic. People stepped

back and the mom and pup continued to call to each other until they were reunited with a touching of noses. Once the mom was certain that the pup was hers, she rolled over and the pup began nursing. We were all amazed to experience this event and I was able to get some great photos.

Deb: Up Close Encounter with a Seal Pup

One late afternoon in April of 2007, I was walking on the beach in Del Mar, humming a tune and enjoying the beautiful Spring weather. I noticed what looked to be a log coming up in the near distance, but as I got closer, I realized it was actually a seal pup on the beach. A couple watching it, thought the pup looked sick and might not survive. I waited until they left and stood beside the pup. Suddenly the pup moved its flippers and raised its head and looked around. I had never been this close to a seal before, but I instinctively walked in front of it with my back toward the water. The pup looked up into my eyes and locked on mine. Its eyes communicated love and trust as if I were its mother. I slowly started walking backward toward the water, whispering gently "it's okay" while continuing to hold the pup's gaze. I was relieved when it started following me to the water's edge, I gently encouraged it to go ahead and swim into the ocean. At the next wave the pup slipped into the surf. As the sun set, I walked along the beach in a southerly direction to watch if the pup would haul out again. I didn't see it come back on shore and I have to believe the little one made its way back to its home base in La Jolla. So, the seal chose me to be one of its ambassadors and I've been a docent ever since.

Norm: Photographing the Seals

I am a retired biologist with extensive graduate training in ecology. When I first heard about the La Jolla seals I was intrigued. As a scientist, I considered the seals to be an important part of the ecosystem and, therefore, needing to be protected. I volunteered with the first seal protection group I met. I remember standing on the beach one night in the middle of the winter. I couldn't believe that Southern California could be so cold. The seals became my new photographic passion. I had a long lens so I knew I wasn't bothering the animals. We drew a line in the sand back in those years and encouraged people to stay behind it. One day I hid behind a large rock, and to my amazement a pup came up close to me. I took photos as fast as I could. One of the images was entered into a California photo contest and I won second prize. Later I purchased a 1000 mm mirror lens so I could get real close ups from the mid landing of the stairs leading to the beach. From my images I printed and donated hundreds of photo



cards that were sold at the beach to help the seals. I am in awe of the people who have spent long hours educating visitors. Protecting the seals is truly a worthy and necessary endeavor.

Pacific Harbor Seal by permission from Norm Olson.com

Pam: The Story of Rumi, the Pup that was Lost Then Found

King tides: exceptionally high tides; the highest tides of the year; higher than usual tides; tides that occur when there is a natural alignment of the gravitational pull between the sun and



the moon; amazing to watch, but dangerous tides. It was during such tides that Rumi was born.

The Pacific harbor seals were hunkered down on the beach riding out

this time of ferocious waves pounding the shore. We watched in awe as a new pup came into the world. Rumi's mom fought off the gulls that tried to snatch the pup's fresh umbilical cord. She growled at them as she relentlessly chased them away. With time, the gulls retreated. The new mother seal had been successful in her efforts to protect her pup. The mom relaxed as she began to nurse her newborn baby.

Suddenly a huge wave crashed over the pair! When the wave receded, Rumi was gone. Then we spotted it. In horror, we watched as the newborn was being helplessly swept out to sea. At the same



moment, Rumi's mother raced into the churning water and began searching for her precious pup. We watched from the cliffs above as she dove into the pounding waves, came up for air, looked around, and

then dove deep into the water again and again, trying to locate her pup. At first we thought we could hear the faint baby cries. We ran along the cliff tops trying to keep track of the mom as she searched in every direction, each time coming up from the water alone. But soon, even with a view from above, we lost track of where she had gone.

After 45 minutes of hoping, those of us still watching gathered together near the place where we had witnessed the birth of Rumi. We joined hands and cried for the loss. Another 30 minutes went by and suddenly, in the distance, we saw the mother seal returning to the shore. She swam slowly through the water and we mourned for her loss. Our hearts were broken as hers must have been too. As she got closer, we froze in our tracks. Clinging to the mother's back was Rumi! The mother had battled the King tides and she had won! She came ashore and the pup released its grip. The mom led her bedraggled pup up onto the sand and collapsed. The two of them touched noses and nuzzled next to each other. They were safe together once again. We laughed. We cheered. We cried (this time tears of joy). We had witnessed the fiercest fight and the deepest love of a mother seal protecting her pup.

Sometimes nature can be tough, but this time it was not as tough as Rumi's mom.

Summary

We are proud of what we have accomplished. But we know another drama is just the corner. As one of our long time wise members remind us at every turn of events, "Don't worry...the seals and sea lions will always come back". So, we continue to do our best to help that optimistic prediction come true.

Special thanks to contributing docents: Carol Archibald, Robyn Davidoff, Lori Mendez, Deb Saracini, Norm Olson, and Pam Thomas.

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Ensure that the County and cities adopt Climate Action Plans that provide for measurable and enforceable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Watchdog the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to prevent a transportation plan that invests heavily in freeways and subsidizes sprawl, and which does not adequately address public transit or fully assess impacts to the climate and public health.

Stop sprawl developments in fire prone areas where in an evacuation traffic will be a nightmare and is usually in environmentally sensitive coastal sage scrub including Multiple Species Conservation Program land that should be conserved permanently.

Together, we are Powerful.

Together, we can:

Give everyone a way in. People are the pulse of our organization, so we recognize each individual and help them get involved in the ways that matter most to them.

Connect passion to action. We support our members, volunteers, and communities by inspiring and helping them to make a meaningful impact.

Advance movements for change. We bring people together and give them the tools to act for change and to shape a brighter future.

Your help enables the Sierra Club San Diego to continue working on your behalf. Now is the time that you can show your appreciation for the work of Sierra Club San Diego.

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Through the generosity of Dr. David N. Sattler, award-winning university professor and photographer, and as a way of saying "Thank You", for every donation of \$100 or more, we will be happy to send you a copy of *The Miracle of Life at La Jolla Cove*, an inspirational coffee table book by Dr. Sattler. The book received two prestigious national book awards: Independent Publisher Book Award and Feathered Quill Book Award.

Dr. Jane Goodall, the world-renowned primatologist and conservationist best known for her landmark study on the behavior of wild chimpanzees in Tanzania, wrote the book's captivating Foreword.

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Wind Power – A Better Way

By David Hogan, Chapter Chair, and David Rousseau, Conservation Committee and Executive Committee

Wind power. Some people love it, some people hate it, some people want to improve it. The Sierra Club considers wind energy to be an important part of renewable energy options to reduce harm from climate change and we support wind production on public and private land where specific and substantial reasons to oppose it do not exist. We particularly support the development of wind power on agricultural land where wind production complements existing land use. But reduced energy consumption and development of distributed renewable energy sources (e.g. rooftop solar) are a priority over concentrated industrial energy facilities. And the Sierra Club opposes development in protected areas such as national and state parks, national monuments, wilderness areas, wildlife refuges, designated roadless areas, critical habitat and designated habitat recovery areas for wildlife, and areas of cultural significance, sacred lands, and other areas that have special scenic, natural or environmental value. In these areas, it is inappropriate to build wind turbines, roads, transmission lines, or any other structure related to wind development. In San Diego, all industrial wind energy developments in our mountains and deserts to date have been inappropriately located in sensitive locations and have caused enormous harm to natural and cultural resources.

What's so great about wind power?

It provides electric power without consuming any fuels, or directly generating any greenhouse gasses (GHGs).

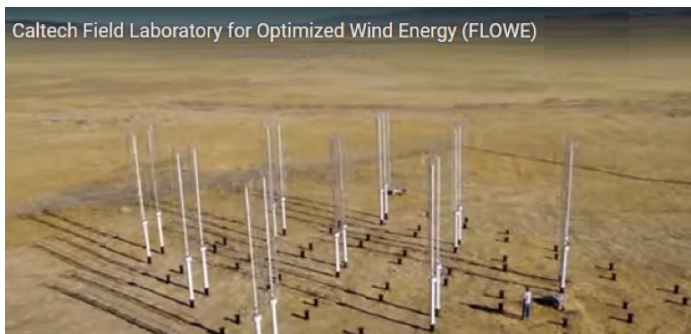
Why do some people dislike it?

There are a lot of good reasons that people have a negative opinion about wind-power. Massive industrial-scale wind developments are an eye-sore blanketing what should be a beautiful natural landscape, and when you are anywhere near them you can hear the noise they make. The enormous (horizontal-axis wind turbines, or HAWTs) kill lots of bats and birds, especially raptors. Wind power is unreliable because any type of wind turbine or “windmill” is useless if the wind isn't blowing, or if the wind is too strong and the wind turbine must be shut down so that it doesn't destroy itself. All of which makes balancing the power-supply with the power-demand challenging. Wind farms are usually located many miles away from the communities they serve which means that long transmission lines and poles or towers are needed – which consumes more land and impacts the environment even more (remember the Sunrise Powerlink?), and the lines lose about 7% of the energy. And then there is the impact on surrounding sensitive habitat resulting from the supporting road networks, building pads for towers, and the GHG produced by stringing the lines (many times by helicopter) and maintenance vehicles, requirements for substations and distribution poles and wires. Also, the land used for wind farms and the power poles are usually on “low cost” land which in southern California and Nevada is often our special public land or land owned by people with very little political influence and Native American lands. Making the big windmill blades releases a lot of GHG, they only last about 10 years, and they can't be recycled.

The enormous HAWTs are dangerous to the people that work on them, and live near them. A 2013 article in Forbes stated that “163 wind turbine accidents in the UK killed 14 people in 2011” and wind turbines catch fire or collapse (both have happened in San Diego and Imperial counties). And finally, wind farms that use the enormous (horizontal-axis wind turbines, or HAWTs) use too much land for the power they produce. They use a lot of land because they can't be placed close together or the blades will collide when they turn with the changing wind direction, and the turbulence from an upstream HAWT interferes with the in-flow of a downstream HAWT. Spacing, and acreage, is also a consideration for the smaller HAWTs.

How to improve it – at least a little

The whiz kids and prof's at the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) established the Field Laboratory for Optimized Wind Energy (FLOWE) in 2010 (<http://dabirilab.com/fieldlabs>). Among other things FLOW studied vertical-axis wind turbines (VAWTs, typically called “eggbeater” windmills) in dozens of configurations. CalTech's calculations showed that wind farm design could maximize its energy-collecting efficiency at heights closer to the ground by using VAWTs. Their experiments used smaller, cheaper, less environmentally intrusive VAWTs which were arranged to complement each other aerodynamically. Having every VAWT turn in the opposite direction of its neighbors increases their efficiency. The results were that properly spaced and oriented VAWTs generated from 21 to 47 watts of power per square meter of land area vs. a comparably sized HAWT farm that generated just 2 to 3 watts per square meter. A ten-fold increase in power per square meter, or per acre when scaled-up! Which means that you would only need one-tenth of the HAWT acreage to generate the same amount of power!



The CalTec Field Laboratory for Optimized Wind Energy (FLOWE)

Bottom line

You still have all the drawbacks associated with distant wind-power installations, and remote power will still be expensive and undesirable in comparison to Distributed Generation of local renewables such as solar, small wind and accompanying battery storage, but at least the acreage needed and the costs would be reduced, and the danger to people, birds, and bats would be virtually eliminated.

*For more information, please see the
Sierra Club's Wind Siting Advisory at*

<https://www.sierraclub.org/policy/energy/wind-siting-advisory>

Huge Navy Redevelopment Project Could Support Regional Transportation but Undermine Environmental Law

By David Hogan, Executive Committee Chair, and Dave Grubb, Transportation Committee Chair

Sierra Club San Diego is closely following an environmental review process now underway by the U.S. Navy to redevelop the seventy-acre NAVWAR site in Old Town.

Planned in cooperation with the San Diego Association of Governments and City of San Diego, the Navy's NAVWAR (Navel Information Warfare Systems Command) redevelopment project has enormous potential to contribute to important regional transportation and housing goals with a large infill development. But it could also undermine California's premier environmental law, The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) depending on the final language and outcome of bills to facilitate the project now making their way through the California legislature.

The NAVWAR project site is located along Pacific Coast Highway near the San Diego International Airport and Marine Corps Recruit Depot. According to the Navy, the NAVWAR Old Town Campus "...needs new mission-capable and modern facilities to support its cyber security mission. The Navy is considering plans to maximize the value of approximately 70.5 acres of Navy-owned underutilized property at the Old Town Campus to support NAVWAR needs. NAVWAR provides \$3.2 billion annually

to the San Diego regional economy. The potential redevelopment would bring additional economic benefits to the region through the construction and operation of new commercial, residential, and transportation facilities." Basically, the Navy wants to allow developers to build housing and businesses that in turn would pay for new NAVWAR buildings and facilities.

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is also targeting the site for construction of a "Central Mobility Hub" a major transportation center intended to connect San Diego regional transit to the airport including the trolley, COASTER, Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, busses, and possible future local high-speed rail. Sierra Club San Diego has been a strong supporter of the concept of a Central Mobility Hub and SANDAG's early vision to prioritize new and much more efficient public transit over more freeway construction.

The Navy sought initial public "scoping" feedback on NAVWAR redevelopment in February. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement is now expected this summer according to the Navy and will consider the following possible project alternatives:

Alternative 1 – Navy Recapitalization at the NAVWAR Old Town Campus

Alternative 2 – High-Density Mixed-Use Revitalization

Alternative 3 – Low-Density Mixed-Use Revitalization

Alternative 4 – High-Density Mixed-Use Revitalization including consideration of a potential Transit Center

Alternative 5 – Low-Density Mixed-Use Revitalization including consideration of a potential Transit Center

Redevelopment of the site won't be without difficulties, not the least of which is legacy pollution from past military manufacturing. Most large buildings on the NAVWAR site were originally constructed in 1940 for Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation (Convair) for aircraft production operations during World War II. According to the Navy, "Known or suspected contaminants in soil and ground-water include heavy metals, polychlorinated biphenyls, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, and petroleum products."

Sierra Club leaders were concerned last winter when California Assemblymember Todd Gloria introduced empty spot bills intended to address CEQA review of the project at the request of SANDAG leadership. SANDAG staff communicated that they were seeking the same kind of CEQA exemptions provided by the California legislature in 2013 for a new Sacramento Kings stadium, a law opposed by the Sierra Club. Sierra Club concerns were affirmed in May when bill language was released including the worst expected CEQA exemptions. But in a rapid turnaround that seemed to respond to Sierra Club concerns, Assemblymember Gloria quickly amended his bill to remove the worst CEQA exemptions and leaving relatively innocuous language requiring mediation for formal objections to the project and preparation of project administrative records concurrent with environmental review. Sierra Club will be following this legislation closely to make sure it doesn't revert to major CEQA exemptions.

Please visit the following websites to learn more about the project and sign up for notices on environmental review: <https://navwar-revitalization.com/>; and <https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?classid=35&fuseaction=home.classhome>

NCG ExCom Call for Nominations

The North County Group (NCG) will be holding elections this Fall to fill 4 vacancies on its Executive Committee. The Group Executive Committee has overall responsibility to assure that the activities and services provided for 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 meets monthly and attendance is expected. If you would like to submit a name for consideration by the Nominating Committee, or would like more information, contact Suzi Sandore at info@sierraclubncg.org.



Names must be submitted by August 14, 2020.

The North County Group consists of the zip codes: 92003, 92025-30, 92033, 92046, 92058-61, 92064-65, 92069-70, 92074, 92078-79, 92081-85, 92088, 92127-28, 92198.

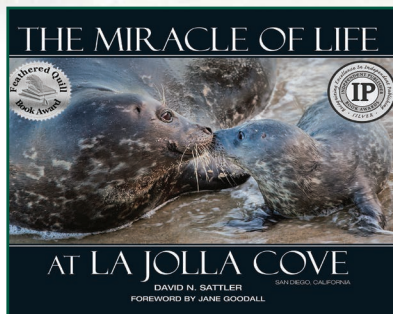
Sierra Talks

**These Sierra Talks will be Broadcast Live at 7:00pm on Facebook
at <https://www.facebook.com/sierradubsd/>
Check Our On-Line Calendar for Updated Info**

July 3

The Miracle of Life at La Jolla Cove

View the natural beauty and diverse marine wildlife that make up The Cove. We take care of what we love is an implied thesis of *The Miracle of Life at La Jolla Cove*, a national award-winning environmental photography book. In her foreword to the book, Jane Goodall (world renown chimpanzee expert and conservationist) writes that "David Sattler has the eye of an artist and the voice of the poet, and the combination of these gifts with the extraordinary beauty of La Jolla Cove has resulted in this magnificent and memorable book..."



David Sattler, author, photographer, and environmental psychologist, will present breathtaking photographs of our coastline that celebrate the interconnectedness of all life and the beauty of the land on which we live. He will discuss his vision as a photographer and artist, passion for preserving lands for wildlife, and conservation issues in the San Diego area. Additional books details are at www.lajollabook.com

August 7

Hunting & Gathering: Shared Beginnings

Learn about how for more than two million years, all humans lived in small-scale societies, moving frequently and relying on wild food resources. It was not until about 12,000 years ago (less than 1% of human history) that plants and animals were domesticated in some parts of the world.



Fundamentally, our biological and cultural make-up remains rooted in this shared hunting and gathering lifestyle. This presentation will be given by Cindy Stankowski, Executive Director of the San Diego Archaeological Center

Cindy received a Bachelor's degree summa cum laude in Anthropology from San Diego State University and a Master's degree in Museum Studies from San Francisco State University. She seeks new and innovative ways for the public to connect with the past, including exhibits, seminars and school presentations, along with the San Diego Archaeological Center's mission to preserve archaeological collections.

September 4

La Rumorosa Rock Art Along the Border -- Part 2



This presentation will show and describe new patterns in the rock art of the most geographically dominant rock art style of the Borderlands wilderness. This rock art has at least three origins - trance imagery, archaeoastronomy (in particular a number of verified solstice sites) and cosmology or ceremony. It will show many breathtaking images of trance imagery in alignment with the work of Lewis-Williams, Thomas Dowson, Jean Clottes, and David Whitley. Some images defy categorization in this survey of Kumeyaay and related artwork in Southern California, Colorado River Corridor, Western Arizona and Baja California.

The presenter, Don Liponi, PhD has studied rock art for the past 50 years under the tutorage of such legendary teachers as Bob Begole, Michael Kelsey and Fran Barnes. Don lamented around 10 years ago: "because I could only visit Utah or Arizona on vacations, out of desperation I realized that there was a huge vacuum in Kumeyaay-Patayan archaeology and rock art right in my own neighborhood." In particular Southern California, Southwestern Arizona and northern Baja." Don proceeded to organize a group of more than 50 professionals, Native Americans, and avocationalists to recover the rock art of these "lost cultures". The outcome has been elaborated in two books (the first sold out) highlighting these images and textural foundation of the people.

Be Safe when Hiking this Summer in San Diego!

Beat the Heat!

With summer upon us and As summer approaches, the days become longer, the weather warms up and many of us want to get outdoors and explore the trails to local watering holes and waterfalls. Two of the most popular hikes in the area are Cedar Creek Falls and the Three Sisters Falls. What many people don't realize is that these trails can get extremely hot and have little shade. In addition, they are canyon hikes...meaning the hike starts with a descent and to finish the hike you must go uphill. On a weekend in July 2017, 8 people were rescued from the Three Sisters Falls trail due to heat related issues and recently a young woman died due to dehydration and being overheated. Even for the most fit, these hikes can be extremely challenging on a hot day.

Many of the trails in San Diego county get can extremely hot during the summer months, with proper planning and avoiding the hot days, you can experience many of the hikes the county and the surrounding area has to offer.

Do the following before heading out on a summer hike to beat the heat:

1. Check the Weather Report

Weather in San Diego county can vary drastically from the coast, to the mountains, to the desert and therefore, it's a good idea to check the weather report prior to heading out for your hike any time of the year. If you have a hike in mind and the weather report calls for a hot day...save that hike for another day and choose a destination that is cooler or consider a different activity.

2. Choose Hiking Locations with Shade or at Cooler Temperatures

San Diego and the surrounding area provides a variety of hiking options. On hot days, choose to hike in locations that provide shade or are along the coast or at higher elevations where are temperatures are often cooler. Hikes along streams, rivers and lakes are a bonus! Not only can you cool off in the water, you can carry less drinking water providing that you have a water filter or bring chemicals to treat the water. Be sure to check on the water levels for safe entry and to ensure that there is water to filter as many natural water sources tend to dry up in the summer months in Southern California.

3. Avoid Hiking During the Hottest Times of the Day

Go hiking early in the morning, late afternoon or in the evening when the sun is not at its hottest temperatures. Avoid hiking between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

4. Stay Hydrated

Drink a liter or quart of water prior to starting your hike so that you are hydrated. Keep hydrated by drinking small amounts of water frequently. Remind others that you are hiking with to keep drinking. It's easiest to drink water from a bladder reservoir while hiking. Bring along a 500ml bottle of water, so if you run out of water in your reservoir, you'll have a backup and you'll know that it's time to look for a stream to filter water or head back to the trail head. In addition, it's a good idea to keep extra drinking water in your car. When it's hot, freeze a bottle of water, so it melts along the way and you can have a cold drink! On a regular day, the body needs roughly four liters or a gallon of fluids. In hot weather or with heavy exertion, your body will need more. For a hike to the Three Sisters Waterfalls, a minimum of a gallon of water per person is recommended. Warning signs: if you have a dry mouth, or "cotton mouth" or you are thirsty, if you don't feel the need to urinate or your urine is dark/bright yellow (not due to the vitamins you just took), you might be at risk for dehydration and your body make not be working at its optimal level.

5. Replenish Electrolytes

As you sweat, your body loses electrolytes such as potassium, sodium, magnesium, phosphorus and calcium which may cause fatigue, muscle weakness, muscle cramps, confusion and nausea. You normally replenish your electrolytes with a balanced diet. When it's hot and you are exerting yourself, your body loses electrolytes at a greater rate. Electrolytes can be replenished with sport drinks and powder mixes, electrolyte chews. On hot day hikes, you can freeze coconut water drink boxes and then enjoy a slushy drink packed with electrolytes at the peak. This also makes a great ice pack to keep other foods chilled until lunch or an ice pack for a minor injury.

6. Create Your Own Shade – Use an Umbrella

Many of the hikes in San Diego tend to be void of shade when you need it the most. Create your own shade by carrying an umbrella. Several instructors with the San Diego Wilderness Basics Course carry the Liteflex Hiking Umbrella from Gossamer Gear for its durability, lightweight, extended canopy and UV protection fabric.

7. Wear Breathable Loose Fitting Clothing

Choose clothing that is lightweight, loose fitting and breathable to help regulate your body's temperature. Avoid dark clothing as it tends to attract the sun's rays and make you hotter. Go for a lighter color palette...plus dirt doesn't show up as much on sand color and grey clothing. The Wilderness Basics Course has a saying "Cotton Kills", however, in the hot summer months, cotton clothing is acceptable as the sweat trapped in the fabric can provide a cooling effect. Also, you can soak a cotton top in a stream or in a wide-mouthed Nalgene bottle with water to cool you off!

From baseball style hats, trucker hats, wide brim hats to gardening hats...pick one that you like and wear it! Hats with broader brims tend to be better in shielding your eyes, face, neck and ears from the sun. Even with a hat, it's important to protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses and sunscreen to prevent your skin from burning. Remember to apply sunscreen to the back your ears... as it's a spot that can easily burn and most people forget this area until it's too late!

8. Know Your Limits

Before going on any outing, it's always a good idea to assess the physical demands of the hike for you and your entire group. A hike that seems effortless on a cool day could easily deplete your energy on a hot day. If you or anyone in your group, is having a hard time with the hike, it's better to turn around and do the hike another day, than to never hike again.

9. Know the Signs & Symptoms of Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion & Heat Stroke

Learn about the signs and symptoms of heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and what first aid measures to take in this article by the American Red Cross www.redcross.org/news/article/Can-You-Recognize-a-Heat-Emergency. Recognizing the signs and symptoms early and knowing what to do, can make the difference between life and death.

10. Leave your Dog at Home

We all love to take our dogs with us when we go for a hike as what dog doesn't love the opportunity to get outdoors? However, when the temperatures heat up, it's best to leave your four-legged friend at home where it's not hot. Dogs can easily get heat exhaustion as they don't have the same mechanisms as we do to shed heat.

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11. Carry the 10 Essentials

If an emergency does occur and you find yourself having to spend unexpected time in the outdoors or even the night, the 10 Essentials can make the difference. There are more than 10 essentials, but all experts agree on carrying the following: navigation (map and compass), sun protection (sunglasses, sunscreen, hat), insulation (clothing), illumination (headlamp, flashlight), first aid kit, fire starter (matches, lighter), repair kit (knife, tools), nutrition (extra food), hydration (extra water), and emergency shelter (rain gear, poncho, space blanket).

12. Have an Emergency Contact

It's a great idea to have an emergency contact if you don't return from your hike. Tell a reliable family member or friend your hiking plan. Provide them with the following information: who you are hiking with, the location of the trail head, the route you'll be taking, when you plan to return and what to do if you don't return. Remember to check in with your emergency contact when you get back to the car and have cell service, as you would hate for your emergency contact to send out a search & rescue team and you're at a restaurant celebrating the day!

The Sierra Club mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. The San Diego Chapter offers free hikes to the public with leaders trained in hiking and first aid <http://sandiegosierraclub.org/get-outdoors/hike/outing-calendar>. In addition, the award winning Wilderness Basics Course is offered in North County and San Diego each year from January to April. The course teaches the fundamentals of hiking, backpacking and camping safety in a 10-week course featuring lectures and 4 weekend practical outdoor outings.

Staying Safe and Keeping Fit with the Bicycle Section

Bicycle Section members are doing their best to comply with government orders and Sierra Club guidelines. In lieu of organized outings and social events, here's what we are doing to stay mentally and physically fit during these challenging times:

- 1) Bikers, spaced 6' apart in household groups, ride on deserted city streets and bike paths. As city parking lots reopen, we'll welcome more opportunities for riding outside our immediate neighborhoods.
- 2) On low-tide beach walks with Sierra Club friends, masks are worn en route until we hit the sand. From there, it's easy to stroll or jog at a safe social distance. Ocean breezes clear any cobwebs and stress that may linger. Birdwatchers spot Gulls and other waterfowl from shoreline, park paths, or their own backyards.
- 3) Free on-line balance and stretch classes are Zoomed to our living rooms by San Diego YMCA.
- 4) Bicycle Book Club members met on May 16. Via Zoom, we discussed a book about John Muir, Sierra Club founder.
- 5) Virtual artography shows highlighting the travels of intrepid birders Frimmel & Gary Smith, were Zoomed on May 22 and May 26. Cavorting Cranes and cityscapes of Japan and Australia entranced viewers.
- 6) In our home test kitchens, we try out new GORP and protein-bar recipes. Some are even brewing their own Limoncello.
- 7) Mastering tide, astronomy, and bird apps inspires members to explore and appreciate the natural world around us.

WBC Class of 2020

We are excited to celebrate the completion of the 2020 Wilderness Basics Course! While, we were not able to have our last class, snow camp outing, reunion, and graduation ceremony, we did have 9 weeks of great classes and outings! We had some awesome adventures, experiences, and made new friends. Thanks to all our volunteer staff and leaders!

Congratulations to the WBC Class of 2020! Following is a list of students who graduated from the San Diego class. Woohoooo! You did it!!!

Akash Bhavsar	Emanuel Druckmann	Lisa Adamiak
Alexander Rovira	Ember Tota	Manuel Martinez
Amanda Wildes	Emily Persinko	Meleen (Mo) Michalek
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Cameron Burkel	Jennifer McConnell	Rochelle Revor
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Christian Salaiz	JJ Barlow	Sara Hummel
Christine Yakich	Joe Ellsworth	Simone Fraid
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Deborah Lima	Katherine Sheets	Taryn Lucas
Debra Nye-Perkins	Kerry Csencsits	Thomas Rafferty
Deva Plumlee	Kristopher Tabaknek	Tiina Pajulampi
Dmitriy Bolotov	Kristoffer Svensson	Tina Asher
Dustin Badt	Lacy Szuwalski	Tony Escalante
Elizabeth Brown	Lael Lloyd	Tracy Keen
		Verena Albert



You will be receiving a certification of completion along with a WBC patch in the mail. Please ensure that we have your correct mailing address.

For those of you who have met all the requirements to graduate (62 of you), but have not taken the exam, what are you waiting for? Get it done! We want to send you a super cool patch and certificate!

If your name is not on the list and you think you qualify to graduate, please email info@wildernessbasics.com ASAP.

We look forward to seeing you all back on the trail when you feel comfortable getting out to hike, camp, and backpack. Have a safe, healthy, fun, and adventurous summer wherever your travels take you, near or far.

WBC San Diego Staff & Leaders



Call for Nominations

The Sierra Club North County Coastal Group (Coasters) is a part of the San Diego Chapter and covers coastal communities from Del Mar to Oceanside. The great thing about the Sierra Club is it is one of the few environmental organizations where the priorities and activities are driven by the volunteers. The Coasters are a small, welcoming group that is currently focused on local conservation and land use issues, political endorsements, environmental education and working with our partners to enact positive change for the environment in our local communities.

We have an Executive Committee that meets monthly and is responsible for organizing our Group's activities and volunteers and to insure that our activities are consistent with the Chapter and National Sierra Club. Being a member of the ExCom is an excellent way to learn more about our local environmental issues and to meet like minded people who

want to work together on behalf of our environment. We will be holding elections this Fall to fill (4) spaces on our Executive Committee. If you would like to submit a name for consideration by the Nominating Committee, or would like more information, contact Amelie Catheline, amelie.catheline@gmail.com

Names must be submitted by

July 31, 2020

Please provide a bio (no longer than 150 words) and a picture

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, 92055 - Oceanside,
92056 - Oceanside, 92057 - Oceanside, 92049
Oceanside PO Box, 92051 - Oceanside PO Box,
92052 - Oceanside PO Box, 92067 - Rancho Santa
Fe PO Box,
92075 - Solana Beach, 92091 - Rancho Santa Fe.

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

For more information go to

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

Sierra Club Bus Trips

Dear Friends, We planned 6 wonderful bus trips for 2020, but the Covid-19 Pandemic has changed everything.

We cancelled the March trip to the Tonto National Forest. Everyone that signed up got a full refund.

We have now cancelled our May trip to the Grand Canyon, the July trip to Hoover Wilderness, the August trip to Yosemite, the September trip to Channel Islands and Zion in October.

We plan to move the entire 2020 bus trip schedule to 2021. Please check our website <https://www.sdsierraclub.org> for continued updates. . Hopefully, a vaccine will be developed soon, and we will be able to safely travel together again.

The Bus Trip Committee

Inspiring Connections Outdoors

Bill Tayler

San Diego, ICO Co-Chair



A Perfect Spring Weekend in Joshua Tree

by Bill Tayler

Sometimes, timing really is everything. On March 13, just days before all outdoor group activities would be placed on pause, San Diego ICO took 12 students

from South Bay on a weekend camping trip to Joshua Tree. For three glorious days, they climbed up, jumped across, wriggled inside and crawled through the monzogranite, starting at dawn and ending well after dark. Three months later, not having done any more trips with these amazing kids, the adults who went are all extremely grateful we had this one last joyful weekend. And we are definitely ready for more of the same. Hopefully soon!

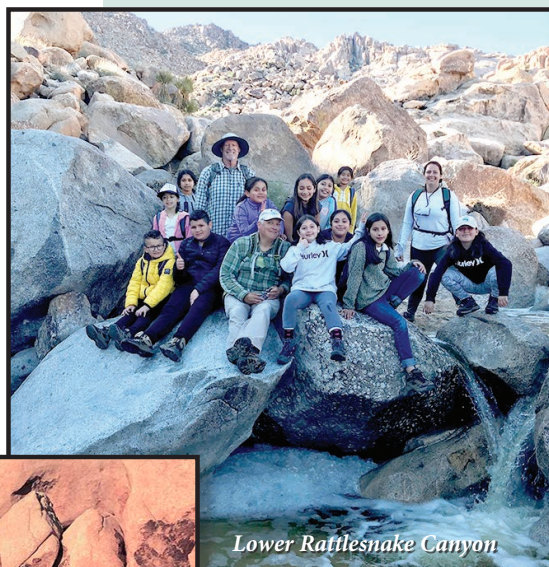
Inspiring Connections Outdoors is a Sierra Club outreach program that provides free outdoor experiences to under-served youth, to help them exploring the outdoors, develop the skills to do it safely, and nurture a desire to protect natural spaces. Please visit our website at www.sandigosierraclub.org

Volunteering With ICO – For information about volunteering with ICO, please contact Greg Shadoan (gregshadoan@yahoo.com).

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Atop a dome in Wonderland Ranch Wash



Lower Rattlesnake Canyon



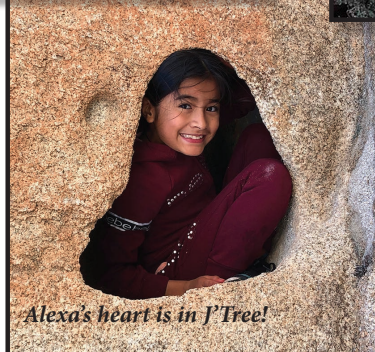
Elyse taking flight
(Wonderland of Rocks)



Starting the day with hot cocoa on the rocks



Upper Rattlesnake Canyon



Alexa's heart is in J'Tree!



Mia doing some belly crawling

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Do you know that the Chapter relies on member donations to meet our annual budget? One third of our annual operating revenue comes from individual donations from you and your fellow members. That is why it is so important that you give serious consideration to making a donation to the San Diego Chapter.

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Sierra Club San Diego Chapter Call for Executive Committee Nominations

The Sierra Club San Diego Nominating Committee is seeking Chapter members to run for the Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) in the 2020 Election. The committee seeks a diverse pool of candidates, balanced in terms of gender, ethnicity, age, and geography. The Sierra Club San Diego membership will elect two Executive Committee members in 2020 for three-year terms. Nominations are due July 31, 2020.

The candidate questionnaire is available online at <http://sandigosierraclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-Excom-Candidate-Questionnaire.doc> or by emailing scoffice@sierrasd.org

The ideal candidate for the San Diego Chapter Executive Committee is an experienced, effective leader who has a clear vision for the Chapter's future and a proven capacity to work with people to achieve goals and resolve problems. The Nominating Committee will contact potential candidates and will send a questionnaire to those who request one. After reviewing returned questionnaires, the Nominating Committee will select applicants for interviews. To be considered for an interview, candidates must return completed questionnaires to the Nominating Committee by July 31, 2020. The Nominating Committee will announce its candidates at the August 12, 2020, Sierra Club San Diego Executive Committee meeting. In addition to the nomination process, the Club bylaws allow candidates to qualify for the ballot by a petition process, as specified in the bylaws. Petitions are available by emailing scoffice@sierrasd.org

The Executive Committee, composed of seven elected volunteers and an appointed representative from each Chapter Group, has the legal responsibility and authority to oversee all staff and volunteer activities of the Chapter, to establish the Chapter's conservation priorities and internal policies, and to adopt and implement the annual budget.



People interested in serving as an Executive Committee member should be:

- *Dedicated to the purposes and goals of the Sierra Club*
- *Able and willing to accept the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of an Executive Committee member*
- *Able to listen and communicate effectively and work in a team environment*
- *Able and willing to dedicate sufficient personal time to Executive Committee duties*
- *Able to think and plan strategically and politically*
- *Willing to become knowledgeable about environmental and political issues*
- *Willing to become knowledgeable about the structure and operations of the Chapter*
- *Able to demonstrate leadership experience*
- *Able and willing to deal with the broad range of issues that come before the Executive Committee*
- *Able to demonstrate a history of commitment to the principles and values of the Sierra Club or a history of commitment to environmental and social justice issues*
- *The San Diego Chapter Executive Committee is a working board. All members are expected to devote sufficient time, energy, and creativity to projects and commitments and to carry them through to their successful conclusion.*
- *All Executive Committee members are expected to:*
 - *Prepare for and attend monthly meetings each year*
 - *Participate in conference calls when needed*
 - *Communicate regularly via e-mail*
 - *Participate in other meetings on behalf of the Executive Committee or the Chapter*

Executive Committee members receive no monetary compensation but may be reimbursed for approved expenses while on Chapter business.