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Special Election Edition

Please Vote on November 6!



By Peter Andersen, Chairperson, Sierra Club San Diego

It is impossible to overstate the importance of this fall's election. First and foremost we need to elect a new congress, one that will stand up to the environmental destruction of the Trump Administration. The Sierra Club has endorsed two outstanding new congressional candidates, Mike Levin in the north county 49th and Ammar Campa Najjar in the east county 50th, who will hopefully replace the notorious, anti-environmental congressmen Daryl Issa and Duncan Hunter. We strongly urge you to volunteer for these two campaigns and to contribute money, either directly to those campaigns or to the Sierra Club San Diego, who spent a lot of money on this issue and other election activities. Of course, we also have 3 excellent environmental incumbent congresspersons to support: Juan Vargas in the 51st, Scott Peters in the 52nd, and Susan Davis in the 53rd, though these are less contested races than the 49th and 50th. If we are going to flip Congress and restrain the environmental abuses of this administration we need to send these 5 excellent candidates to Congress and turn San Diego 100% green! You need to make this happen!

We have been conducting dozens of interviews and have endorsed an excellent slate of environmental candidates. This special issue of the HiSierran lists and describes all the endorsed Sierra Club San Diego candidates. This was a monumental effort by Director Richard Miller and dozens of volunteers. Now it is up to you to put people in office that really are environmental champions in office.

Two important county races include our endorsement of Nathan Fletcher for County Supervisor in the 4th district and Michelle Gomez in the 5th. The current county supervisors are violating their own general plan and approving rampant, dangerous developments throughout the county. Sierra Club San Diego has several suits pending against these developments that destroy habitat, violate the general plan, increase traffic, and prevent the county from complying with the state mandate to roll back harmful Greenhouse Gas Emissions. (See the article in this issue by Conservation Chair George Courser for more). It is essential that Fletcher and Gomez get elected so that the Board of Supervisors regains some perspective and power on the importance of protecting our beautiful San Diego environment.

In the City of San Diego City we have endorsed four excellent City Council candidates - Jen Campbell in the 2nd, Monica Montgomery in the 4th, Tommy Hough in the 6th, and Vivian Moreno in the 8th. In

this issue you will find endorsements for city council and mayoral candidates from Oceanside to Imperial Beach and everywhere in between. We also have an exceptional slate of statewide candidates led by Gavin Newsome for Governor.

There are important initiatives to vote on this fall as well. In the City of San Diego we strongly recommend a YES vote on SDSU West and NO Vote on SoccerCity. In Oceanside we have endorsed and enthusiastically support the Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources Initiative (SOAR). There are also a number of important state initiatives including NO votes on Prop 3, the bogus water bond, and NO on Prop 6, the gas tax repeal that will cripple road improvements and stall new transit in California.

This is up to us, up to you. Please call the Sierra Club Headquarters to volunteer at 858-569-6005 or write a check to Sierra Club San Diego at 8304 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA, 92111. Alternatively, volunteer for one of these excellent campaigns and remember to say you are from the Sierra Club.

Election Day is November 6th

Make Sure To Vote and Get Your Voice Heard!
See Page 3 for Voting Guide!

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For North County Inland & North County Coastal

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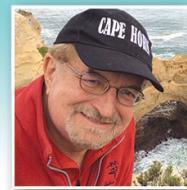
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The View from the Chair



Peter Andersen

It is an honor to serve as the new chairperson of Sierra Club San Diego. Twenty years ago I served several terms on the Club's Executive Committee and as Chair of the Political committee. It is great to be back in the thick of things with so many dedicated environmentalists. There are no lack of challenges for us with an administration in Washington that intends to repeal every environmental law, threaten national parks and monuments, and hand the country over to the coal and oil industries.

I agreed to fill a vacancy on the Sierra Club San Diego Steering Committee two days after Donald Trump's election because I knew that activists could not sit on the sideline during these difficult times. It is hard to imagine a government more contrary to the values of the Sierra Club than the Trump administration. But out of adversity environmentalists rose to meet the challenge. Sierra Club San Diego increased its membership by 2000 following Trump's election, as people realized we needed to be united against this difficult challenge.

With our recent Executive Committee elections we have moved from a Steering committee to a full-fledged Executive Committee. I would be remiss in not recognizing three outstanding outgoing members of the Steering Committee, Karenlee Robinson, Paul Webb, and our chairperson emeritus Ruben Arizmendi. These three tireless activists led the club through difficult times with the clearest moral compass, tireless determination, incredible environmental acumen, and wonderful camaraderie. It has been a privilege to work alongside these three people and the entire Steering Committee.

I extend a great welcome to three newly elected members of the Executive Committee, Christa McCarty Davidson, David Hogan, and Amanda Mascia. These superb new ExCom members combine a wealth of experience with youthful energy. In a record turnout, Sierra Club members selected the three youngest nominees, signaling the passing of the torch to a new generation of Sierra Club leaders. Despite their relative youth, these three are active in outdoor adventures, political campaigns, responding to environmental impact reports, and preparing lawsuits. They are smart, hardworking, and dedicated to protecting the environment. It is my honor to welcome them. We a proud to work with the tireless, competent, Richard Miller who was promoted to Director of Sierra Club San Diego. Likewise, it is wonderful to work beside the continuing ExCom members, the incredible activists George Courser, Brian Elliott, and Fred Rogers. I am also pleased to welcome two new members of the Executive Committee, Sally Prendergast, representing the North County Coastal ("Coasters") Group and Doug Grover of our North County Group.

As environmentalists we have great challenges, but none is greater than climate change. This summer the earth may have reached a frightening tipping point where historically moderate temperatures have become unsustainable and climate change no longer constituted a future risk, but a severe, present threat to our global ecosystem. Like a kettle boiling over, our turbulent planet has seen record hot temperatures, fierce storms, fatal floods, deadly droughts and rainfall of biblical proportions. Every country in the Northern Hemisphere broke high temperature records. There is an international consensus among scientists that heat waves, fires, storms, and droughts have become more frequent and severe and may constitute the new normal.

We need to look no farther than California to see the ravages of climate change including a twenty-year statewide drought, record hot temperatures, brutal wildfires across the entire state, parched aquifers, dry rivers, sea rise, coastal abandonment, and record ocean temperatures. In California's recent Carr fire, near the city of Redding, we witnessed fire tornados clocked at 143 miles per hour, the equivalent of an EF3 tornado. The giant Colorado River, a lifeline for the Western US, has experienced a twenty year drought and is at a record low. Once flowing magnificently into the Sea of Cortes, the Colorado has not reached the ocean in decades. What scientists have understood for decades is now visible to the naked eye; we are experiencing a climate crisis.

We need concerted international action on climate change. Sadly, protecting the environment has been abandoned by the federal government and so now it is up to states, counties, cities, courts, and individual people to prevent the release of greenhouse gasses and the climate change that they cause.

We need to call on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to enact a real climate action plan that seriously addresses climate change, something they have not done to date. On the bright side many cities are adopting community choice energy. The California State Government is moving ahead without the Federal Government or the San Diego Country Supervisors. They recently passed Senate Bill 100 that pledges 100% clean energy by 2045. At this writing it is on the desk of Governor Brown.

Like the planet, Sierra Club San Diego has weathered some difficult storms. Nonetheless, at present we are financially solvent, politically engaged, legally active, exploring the environment, getting outdoors, and as strong as ever. I pledge to lead this club into a new era of solidarity, collaboration, and action.

2018 General Election Endorsements

November 6, 2018

Sierra Club has made a number of important endorsements. The Chapter and Group Political Committees evaluated candidates on their environmental records and interviews when making these endorsements

We urge you to consider the environment when you vote. Only by electing candidates who share the view of the Sierra Club on the importance of the protection of the environment can we make our state the model for the rest of the nation.

Sierra Club San Diego's tax exemption status - 501(c)(4) - allows us to make endorsements for candidates and ballot measures.

The national Sierra Club is responsible for congressional endorsements. For Sierra Club's endorsements for federal offices, go to: <https://content.sierraclub.org/voterguide/endorsements>

California State Offices

Governor: Gavin Newsom
Attorney General: Xavier Becerra
State Controller: Betty Yee
Secretary of State: Alex Padilla
Insurance Commissioner: Ricardo Lara

US Representative

49th - Mike Levin,
50th- Ammar Campa-Najjar
51st - Juan Vargas,
52nd -Peters,
53rd - Susan Davis

State Assembly

76th - Tasha Boerner Horvath
77th - Sunday Gover
78th - Todd Gloria
80th - Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher

San Diego Unified School

District B – Kevin Beiser

Superior Court Judge

Office No. 37 - Matt Brower

San Diego County

Board of Supervisors, District 4 -
Nathan Fletcher
Board of Supervisors, District 5 -
Michelle Gomez

City of Carlsbad

Mayor – Cori Schumacher
City Council, District 1 –
Barbara Hamilton
City Council, District 3 –
Priya Bhat-Patel

City of Chula Vista

Mayor - Mary Salas
City Council, District 2 – Jill Galvez

City of Del Mar

City Council – Dwight Worden

City of Encinitas

Mayor – Catherine Blakespear
City Council, District 3 –
Jody Hubbard
City Council, District 4 – Joe Mosca

City of Escondido

City Council, District 1 –
Consuelo Martinez

City of Imperial Beach

City Council – Ed Spriggs and
Paloma Aguirre

City of Lemon Grove

City Council – Jennifer Mendoza

City of National City

City Council – Mona Rios

City of Oceanside

City Council, District 1 –
Esther Sanchez
City Council, District 2 –
Larry Kornit

City of San Marcos

Mayor – Chris Orlando

City of San Diego

City Council, District 2 –
Jen Campbell
City Council, District 4 –
Monica Montgomery
City Council, District 6 -
Tommy Hough
City Council, District 8 -
Vivian Moreno

City of Solana Beach

City Council - Kelly Harless
and Kristi Becker

State Ballot Measures:

YES

- Proposition 1 – Veterans and
Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018

NO

- Proposition 3 - Water Supply and
Water Quality Act of 2018

NO

- Proposition 6 - Eliminates Recently
Enacted Road Repair and Transportation
Funding

YES

- Proposition 10 - Affordable
Housing Act

YES

- Proposition 12 - Prevention of
Cruelty to Farm Animals Act

Local Ballot Measures:

County of San Diego

YES

- Measure D – Full Voter Participation
Initiative

City of Oceanside

YES

- Measure Y - Save Open Space and
Agricultural Resources (SOAR)

City of San Diego

YES

-Measure G – Mission Valley – SDSU
West Initiative

NO

-Measure E – Mission Valley –
Soccer City Initiative

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Take It With You To The Voting Booth



Candidate Statements

Statewide Candidates

Why Sierra Club Endorses Gavin Newsom for Governor

www.gavinnewsom.com/

After years of watching and working with Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, and more recently discussing with him his vision and plans if he is elected governor, Sierra Club California's volunteer leadership determined that Newsom has the right mix of characteristics to deserve Sierra Club's enthusiastic endorsement.

- Independence from Oil and Tobacco Money
- Demonstrated Commitment to the Environment, Public Health and Environmental Equity
- Devotion to Transparency, Access and Consultation
- Viability

We believe it is essential to select a strong candidate to help signal to undecided Californians where they should place their vote if they want to make sure California has a leader who will protect the air, water, wildlands, wildlife and people of California during these environmentally challenging times. Again, Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Gavin Newsom for governor.

Xavier Becerra – Attorney General

xavierbecerra.com/

The Sierra Club California has endorsed Xavier Becerra for Attorney General for his commitment to safeguarding the progress California has made in protecting our environment.

"Attorney General Becerra has proven in the last year that he is more than willing and able to defend California's environment from federal assault," said Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California. "He understands—and acts on—the need to make sure everyone in the state has clean air, clean water and a healthy environment."

As Attorney General, Becerra has prioritized defending laws that double to protect our environment and public health. He has sued Donald Trump's team 16 times for rolling back or repealing environmental safeguards, has won rulings in 9 of those cases, and hasn't lost one case yet.

Betty Yee - Controller

bettyyee.com/

As Controller, Yee serves as the chief fiscal officer for California, which is the sixth largest economy in the world. Yee is responsible for safeguarding our finances and the accountability and disbursement of the state's resources.

She also serves on 70 boards and commissions including the State Lands Commission that manages our state public lands.

In her first term, Yee, among other things, led the State Lands Commission (SLC) to shutter Platform Holly off of the Santa Barbara County Coast, the first off-shore platform to be decommissioned in 30 years; secure dedicated funding to properly abandon leaking offshore oil wells; close the last coastal sand mine operation in the United States; address air quality in communities affected by port operations; and protect public access to our beaches.

Alex Padilla – Secretary of State

splash.alex-padilla.com/

As secretary of state, Padilla is responsible for overseeing elections, campaign and lobbyist disclosure, and corporate filings. Since taking office as secretary of state, Padilla has aggressively promoted online voter registration, which has resulted in two million new voters added to the rolls. Secretary Padilla sponsored the New Motor Voter Act, which calls for automatic voter registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles beginning in April of 2018.

Secretary Padilla supported and helped pass AB 840, which ensures every ballot is counted properly and accounted for. Last fall, he certified VoteCal, California's new statewide voter registration database, and secured funding to modernize and launch a new Cal-ACCESS database in 2019 to track campaign financing.

In 2016, Secretary Padilla sponsored the Voters Choice Act which will afford California voters more options of where, when, and how to vote through more vote-by-mail, in-person early voting, and a new vote center model that gives voters the option of voting at any location in their county. He also launched the tool Quick Guide to Props to give voters nonpartisan analysis and campaign finance information on statewide propositions.

Ricardo Lara - Insurance Commissioner

www.ricardolara.com/

State Senator Ricardo Lara is a proven champion in the fight to combat climate change. He has worked tirelessly to ban harmful substances that damage our air and water and to protect California's coastline from the Trump Administration's plan for more offshore drilling. Ricardo Lara understands the need to enhance environmental protection and he will work to create a revolutionary market for climate insurance in California. We know he will bring an important perspective to the California Department of Insurance.

Tony Thurmond

- Superintendent of Public Instruction

www.tonythurmond.com/

Tony Thurmond is a proven leader for the environment and environmental justice understanding that the best education for all children is a key link in the effort to protect the planet. He believes that environmentalism and education go hand in hand. As Superintendent, Thurmond will continue to be a voice for environmental protections, while fighting for investment in school-based health services, sustainable schools, and superb science curriculum to educate California's future environmentalists and scientists.

In February 2018, Assemblymember Thurmond coauthored a resolution condemning the Trump administration's intentions to allow new drilling off the California coastline. His record on environmental issues has been consistently rated by environmental advocacy groups among the top in the State Assembly.

U.S. Representatives

Mike Levin – U.S. Representative, 49th District

www.mikelevin.org

Mike Levin is a passionate believer in clean energy and has over a decade of experience in the industry, helping to accelerate the transition towards more sustainable power generation and transportation options. Mike has served for several years on the board of the Center for Sustainable Energy, based in San Diego, and co-founded Sustain OC in Orange County.

Mike will fight for Medicare for All, affordable higher education, preventing gun violence, protecting Social Security, a woman's right to choose, and a \$15 federal minimum wage.

Mike lives in San Juan Capistrano with his wife Chrissy, and their two children, ages 5 and 3.

Ammar Campa-Najjar – U.S. Representative, 50th District

www.campacampaign.com

"I'm honored by the Sierra Club's endorsement. We're borrowing this planet from our children, that's why I believe we must lead the world in combating climate change. Meanwhile, Congressman Hunter stated: "thousands of people die every year of cold, so if we had global warming it would save lives...we ought to look out for people. The earth can take care of itself." (source: KPBS).

As congressman, I will present sensible solutions to protect our environment by investing in a 100% renewable energy future, ending oil and fossil fuel subsidies, and promoting a more sustainable world.

Congressman Juan Vargas – U.S. Representative, 51st District

votevargas.com/

Juan Vargas was first elected in 2012 to represent California's 51st Congressional District, which includes parts of San Diego County, all of Imperial County, and California's entire U.S.-Mexico border. Previously, Vargas served as a San Diego City Councilman, State Assemblyman, and State Senator.

A former Jesuit priest and child of farm-workers, Juan Vargas personally understands how Mother Earth, as Pope Francis writes, "governs and sustains us," and how issues of social and environmental justice are interconnected. A strong renewable energy supporter, Vargas maintains a 96% lifetime score from the League of Conservation Voters and a 99% score from Environment America.

Scott Peters – U.S. Representative, 52nd District

www.scottpeters.com

Before being elected to Congress in 2012, Peters, 60, served two terms on the San Diego City Council, including three years as Council President. He also chaired the San Diego Unified Port District and was a member of the California Coastal Commission. Prior to entering public service, he had a 16-year legal career specializing in environmental law. Peters and his wife of 32 years, Lynn, have lived in San Diego, where they raised their two grown children, since 1989.

Peters' top priority in Congress is curbing climate change. He is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and its Environment and Energy subcommittees where he fights for policies to keep our air and water clean. He also has fought successfully for renewable energy research and resources in the Department of Defense.

Susan Davis – U. S. Representative, 53rd District

www.susandavisforcongress.com/

As a proud member of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, Congresswoman Susan Davis is fighting to protect the hard-fought environmental protection gains. She has been a vocal critic of the United States's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. Susan has been leading the way to reduce emissions and promote renewable energy sources.

San Diego's beaches are precious treasures and Susan has opposed efforts to allow oil drilling offshore. She has been recognized for her leadership to protect our wildlife spaces.

As a senior member of Armed Services Committee and a member of the conference committee for the FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, Susan successfully worked to strip out the anti-environmental riders

added to the national defense bill. One of those provisions would have weakened the Endangered Species Act.

Susan is a powerful advocate for animal welfare. She received a perfect score from the Humane Society for the 114th Congress for work to protect elephants and rhinos, prohibit the dog and cat meat trade, and end cosmetic testing on animals and horse soring.

State Assembly

Tasha Boerner Horvath - State Assembly, 76th District

www.Tasha4Assembly.com

Hello Friends! My name is Tasha Boerner Horvath and as an Encinitas City Councilmember, former PTA leader, and businesswoman, I am running for State Assembly District 76 to fight for our environmental values in Sacramento.

Earlier this year, I helped to create Encinitas' gold-standard climate action plan, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 41% and transitioning to 100% renewable energy by 2030. In the State Assembly, I will strengthen efforts to combat climate change, protect open space, guarantee clean and safe air and water, and help create new green energy jobs.

As a fellow environmentalist, I am proud to have earned the endorsements of the Sierra Club, California League of Conservation Voters, and over 50 Democratic elected leaders. I would be honored to earn your vote.
Tasha Boerner Horvath - 760.896.4525

Sunday Gover - State Assembly, 77th District

[www.votesunday.com/](http://www.votesunday.com)

Sunday Gover is a public-school mom, cancer survivor and successful businesswoman committed to protecting San Diego's environment for generations to come.

With a President and an administration denying climate science and working to gut our landmark environmental laws, Sunday Gover will fight back to keep California a global leader on climate change, clean energy and reducing carbon emissions. And Sunday Gover has pledged not to take one penny from the oil companies pushing to drill off our coast and weaken our clean air laws.

In Sacramento, Sunday Gover will stand up to corporate polluters, take on Big Oil and fight back against Trump's attacks on our environment.

Todd Gloria - State Assembly, 78th District

www.toddgloriaforassembly.com

Fighting climate change means fighting for our future generations. That's why I proudly authored San Diego's groundbreaking Climate

Action Plan when I served as Interim Mayor, and why I pushed California to commit to 100 percent renewable energy as co-author of SB 100. The effects of climate change are seen around us every day, which means we must do more. I intend to continue leading on environmental issues and protections in the Legislature so that we can leave this world better than we found it for our future generations.

Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher

- State Assembly, 80th District

An environmental lawyer, Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher is a champion for conservation, and clean energy. Since she entered office in 2013, Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher has been a strong ally to Sierra Club, championing policies that protect our waters, penalize poachers, and ensure everyone's right to access to California's beautiful coasts. Most recently, Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher co-authored SB 100, a proposal to bring 100% carbon-free electricity to California by 2045, and authored AB 2054, a bill that would keep for-profit activity out of our state parks. Additionally, Governor Brown signed into law her bill which will create more stringent penalties for boat poaching in Marine Protected Areas. Ms. Gonzalez Fletcher continues to double down in our fight to curb the negative effects of climate change and protect our planet.

San Diego Unified School, District

Kevin Beiser – District B

https://www.kevinbeiser.com/

Kevin Beiser is the president of the San Diego unified school board and was named San Diego "math teacher of the year". Kevin has been a champion for the environment and a national leader amongst school districts.

After implementing a Styrofoam lunch tray ban other large school districts followed and implemented the same bans such as LA Unified and New York Unified.

Under Kevin Beiser's leadership a variety of environmental initiatives have been championed such as bio diesel on all school buses, expanding solar power, implementing conservation measures to reduce consumption of resources, meatless Monday's, and implementing a climate action plan to achieve zero net carbon by the year 2035.

To ensure our future generations are knowledgeable Kevin Beiser has championed policy changes to ensure curriculums includes instruction about climate action and the reality of science-based climate change.

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Borderlands Locals Rise Up and Resist the Newest Border Walls

By Sonya Kumpuckal

Even a girl from Chicago like me can appreciate the uniqueness of a place like the American Southwest. And it's also very clear to me that border walls forever damage these places - places that so eloquently represent a melting pot of people and wildlife.

To protect the communities and environment of the border southwest, more than 400 people gathered at All Against the Wall on Saturday, June 2. It was at the construction site of Donald Trump's newest wall of hate - a 20-mile, \$73 million lawless monstrosity at Santa Teresa just west of El Paso. We rallied in opposition to Trump's thinly-veiled monument to white supremacy. Instead, we built love and stronger communities through song, spoken word, marching, dance, and of course, voter registration!

This wall is illegal. Trump's Department of Homeland Security (DHS) waived 25 laws along the 20-mile project area at Santa Teresa. DHS used a Bush-era loophole to exempt itself from laws that protect clean air, clean water, public participation, Native American graves, religious freedom and much, much more. It is unfair that border residents, be they wildlife or people, don't get the same protections that the rest of America can count on for health, safety, freedom of religion and environmental protection.

Each time I see wall construction happening in Santa Teresa, I am frightened. I'm met with bulldozers, trash and the building of an eye-sore fence-like structure-- the very concrete beginnings of Donald Trump's border wall. If you try to visit a border wall construction site, you may be met by a masked private security guard carrying an AR-15, as we were a few weeks ago, or by the army of Border Patrol vehicles, cameras, checkpoints and armed agents that borderlands residents have to deal with every day.

That is not the kind of militarized environment that any of us want our children and future generations to grow up in. Saying Southwest lands are special is an understatement. They are cultural, ecological and historical havens in their own right. Wildlife like the Mexican gray wolf depends on international connectivity with our Mexican neighbors as well as corridors to roam and increase their range. The same applies to the jaguar and ocelot - critically endangered species living in our region who would suffer in the face of a border wall. Even worse, the people-- our neighbors and own communities-- would be the ones paying the highest price for this wall.

The way Trump and his supporters paint the borderlands is incorrect, offensive and could have irreversible effects on the spaces so many people and creatures depend on. We've seen the

damage of border walls before Trump, but his motivation to expand it in such a big way will prove detrimental. What started as racist and inflammatory sound bites of an "America first" campaign has somehow convinced Congress to allot nearly two billion dollars of taxpayer money to this dangerous reality. We must hold leadership-- both Right and Left-- accountable for the damage they're inflicting on people and places in the borderland states.



The enthusiastic crowd at the All Against the Wall event demonstrated that border residents are united in opposition to the militarization of our border. Yet over the last two decades, the United States has militarized the southern border region with little regard to its negative impact on our communities, wildlife, and environment. With



increased flooding and damage caused from walls that already exist, Americans and Mexicans are still paying the costs of this damage-- some that can never be truly repaired nor forgotten. It's clear

we are being subjected to blatant disregard and disrespect for human life and sacred lands. The barriers that separate us physically and metaphorically warrant the need for all communities to come together in resistance to this destructive and divisive border wall.

I urge you to contact your U.S. Senators – be they Independent, Democrat or Republican, and tell them the wall is not the answer. It's a waste of money and an insult to American values. Contact information for your two U.S. Senators and one U.S. Representative is posted on govtrack.us and more information about Southwest Environmental Center is at wildmesquite.org.

Sonya is the Border Campaign Coordinator for the Southwest Environmental Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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Superior Court Judge

Matt Brower - Superior Court Judge, Office No. 37

www.mattbrower.com/

Judge Gary Kreep became a judge after winning an election very narrowly in 2012. I am challenging him in the upcoming November election. He was censured last year for ethics violations including disrespectful treatment of women and minorities and he participated in a birther lawsuit of President Obama.

The San Diego County Bar Association rated me qualified and him lacking in qualifications.

The outcome of the June primary resulted in Gary Kreep receiving a mere 30.5 percent. I trailed him by 4 percentage points. I am supported by the other primary election challengers.

I am a motivated attorney with extensive litigation experience from my experience as a Deputy District Attorney and Marine Judge Advocate.

I would be honored to receive your vote for Superior Court Judge.

San Diego County Offices

Nathan Fletcher - County Board of Supervisors, District 4

www.nathanfletcher.com

The Sierra Club's Choice to Keep San Diego Beautiful.

Nathan Fletcher will bring long overdue progressive change to the right-wing, anti-environment Board of Supervisors. With Nathan, we'll finally have a County Supervisor who will stand up to polluters and fight to keep San Diego beautiful, healthy and safe.

Fletcher will oppose Trump's dangerous offshore oil drilling plan and defend California's Clean Air laws from the EPA's pro-polluter agenda. We trust Nathan to preserve more open space and pass a Countywide Climate Action Plan to protect clean air, clean water and clean beaches for all.

Nathan has what it takes to get it done. In the Assembly, Nathan authored Chelsea's Law and wrote over 30 laws to protect the environment, invest in transit and expand healthcare.

Vote Nathan Fletcher for County Supervisor! The Sierra Club's Choice!

Michelle Gomez

- County Board of Supervisors, District 5

www.MichelleForSupervisor.com

San Diego County is at a tipping point, and we must make choices that ensure a cleaner, greener future. As your County Supervisor I will uphold the General Plan and stop inappropriate development in our pristine rural areas; champion smart growth afford-

able housing solutions; improve mass transit to decrease traffic and pollution; advocate for Community Choice Energy; protect our coastlines and natural resources and strengthen fire protection.

I've been an engaged community advocate for nearly 20 years, uplifting underserved segments of our society including women, minorities, veterans and military families, and trauma survivors. My history of community service, including my current service as both a City and County Commissioner, shows that I genuinely care about people, and that I am willing to roll up my sleeves and do the hard work.

I'd be honored to serve North County on the Board of Supervisors. I pledge to work as hard as you do to improve the quality of life for the residents of our district and our county.

City Offices

Cori Schumacher - Mayor of Carlsbad

www.coriforcarlsbad.com/

Cori Schumacher is a Councilwoman serving in the City of Carlsbad. As an elected official, Schumacher has helped develop organic issues-based organizational strategies that critically engage communities across ideological, geographic, and demographic boundaries to educate, engage, and accomplish environmentally sustainable and ethical socio-political transformations.

Schumacher has worked with community leaders to implement Carlsbad's organics-first Pest Management Plan, to strengthen Carlsbad's legislative platform to oppose all offshore oil and gas leasing in the Pacific Ocean, and to protect the safety of beachgoers and the coastal environment through initiating Carlsbad's first city lifeguard program.

Moving forward, Schumacher plans to work toward the implementation of Community Choice Energy and local renewable energy generating projects, to bring the North County San Diego region to 100% renewable energy by 2035. Included in this is the opportunity to provide San Diego County with a 100% renewable energy desalinated water.

Barbara Hamilton - Carlsbad City Council, District 1

barbarahamiltonforcarlsbad.com

Bringing diverse skills and experiences to Carlsbad City Council, I am a military veteran, have owned and operated small businesses, and worked in the fields of art, education, environmental sustainability, and health.

The interpersonal skills I developed prepared me to take a diplomatic approach with those who hold opposing views, engage and facilitate stakeholder groups, collaborate with colleagues, and motivate others.

My professional experience and Masters in Environmental Policy & Management help me balance values of fiscal responsibility and the importance of developing informed policies to protect our natural environment.

I served on Envision Carlsbad Citizens' Committee and led a group of 200+ local residents to ensure growth, development, and additional housing construction are implemented in ways that protect our open spaces and community character.

Priya Bhat-Patel - Carlsbad City Council, District 3

www.priyabhatpatel.com/

I am thrilled to receive the endorsement of Sierra Club. As someone who cherishes our Earth as a gift, I look forward to continuing to protect our environment. One of the concepts that I would like to incorporate into our decision making when thinking of environmental impacts is the concept of One Health: the health of humans, the health of animals, and the health of the environment are interconnected. If one part of this triangle is influenced, it will affect the other parts of the triangle. As a public health professional (MPH, DrPH(c)), I know that our quality of life is contingent on the health of our environment. With our climate changing daily, it is of utmost importance to elect individuals who will continue to make decisions that will protect our environment. I look forward to earning your support and representing you on Carlsbad City Council for District 3.

Mary Salas - Mayor of Chula Vista

www.marysalas.com

As a founding member of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), Chula Vista has always been at the forefront of environmental stewardship and combating climate change.

As Mayor of Chula Vista, I have been proud to continue Chula Vista's leadership by setting goals to make our city be powered by 100% renewables by 2035, ensuring that our centerpiece bayfront development preserves our fragile ecosystem on the bay, while reducing its carbon footprint. I am also proud of the work I have done regionally to help San Diego County be more sustainable. Thank you to the Sierra Club for working with me at the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) to finally bring electric buses to our region.

I look forward to continue to work with Sierra Club to help make Chula Vista and the South Bay sustainable and beautiful.

Jill Galvez - Chula Vista City Council, District 2

www.jillgalvez.com

Sierra Club Endorsed Candidate for Chula Vista City Council District 2

Jill Galvez is a wife, mother, community

volunteer, environmental activist, and a successful businesswoman.

She began her career as a local government reporter, earned an engineering degree, and worked for IBM and AT&T.

Jill is proud of Chula Vista, for its Climate Action Plan, dedication to LEED certification, and for signing the Kyoto Protocol. Chula Vista is home to the Living Coast Discovery Center on its beautiful bayfront, has cultivated hiking, biking, boating, and open spaces for residents and businesses to enjoy.

Jill is a personal champion for the environment. She and her family have been composting since 1995. In 2006, they converted 1/2 acre of grass lawn to California Natives. Their historic home is a certified wildlife habitat and they drive a hybrid plug-in vehicle.

Dwight Worden - Del Mar City Council

www.dwightworden.com/

Why Dwight is running

My roots in the environmental community run deep, reflecting decades of work as an environmental attorney advocating for species protection, lagoon restoration, habitat and open space protection, and environmental causes. I served on the Coastal Commission (1977-mid 1980's), and I championed Del Mar's state of the art Climate Action Plan (adopted in 2016). My lifelong commitment to core environmental issues, to open, transparent, government, and to supporting community values are what lead me to run for the Del Mar City Council in 2014. If re-elected I will continue to support and foster these goals.

Catherine Blakespear – Mayor of Encinitas

catherineblakespear.com/

I'm running for re-election as the Mayor of Encinitas because you deserve a mayor who reflects your environmental commitment.

During my first term as mayor, we adopted a "gold standard" Climate Action Plan, with measurable standards and accountability. Encinitas has taken the lead in actively pursuing a clean Community Choice Energy program, working alongside other North County cities. We are also reimagining the use of paths, trails and roads to better accommodate alternate modes of transportation beyond cars.

Mitigating climate change starts locally, through the leadership of cities like Encinitas.

Working together, we will continue our progress to make Encinitas a greener city, and California a healthier place to live!

I would be honored to receive your vote to re-elect me, Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear.

Jody Hubbard- Encinitas City Council, District 3

jodyforcitycouncil.com

As a 19-year Encinitas resident and 3rd generation Californian, I am committed to protecting and preserving our environment.

Climate Change is the greatest natural threat that our world faces. Encinitas is already an environmental leader, but we can do more towards building a sustainable world. For example, CCE and zero-waste make sense from both business and environmental viewpoints.

Encinitas is a paradise, but we still face some tough problems. As a Planning Commissioner I know that housing will continue to be a challenge. We also need to improve circulation within our city for all modes of transportation.

As your Councilmember, I am eager to work with you and the other council members, tackling these challenges and helping our city proudly progress into a better future.

Joe Mosca- Encinitas City Council, District 4

www.joemosca.com/

I am running for another term on the Encinitas City Council to continue to be a part of solving the challenges that our community faces and improving the quality of life in Encinitas. During my time, we adopted an inspirational, forward leaning Climate Action Plan. With another opportunity to serve, I will focus on implementation of our recently adopted Climate Action Plan, enhancing Citywide mobility by improving our roads and making them safer for all, and protecting our beautiful coastline, ocean, and open space. I would be honored to have your support and represent you on our City Council.

Consuelo Martinez - Escondido City Council, District 1

www.consuelomartinez.com

As a long-time resident of Escondido, I love this community and our potential to be a more prosperous, welcoming, and safe city. For over a decade, I have witnessed our city leadership fail us by cutting core services, exposing us to unnecessary and costly lawsuits, and make decisions that diminish our quality of life.

A clean and safe environment is an important part of our quality of life. Industrial projects have been approved in my District in close proximity to residences. This is wrong for District 1 and wrong for any community. I know we can do better for Escondido and all residents.

That's why I've stepped up to run because we deserve better. As your City Council representative, I will always put our residents and our city first. I'll be a listener and respond to your

needs—not special interests. I will take action to bring the change we want to see in our city. I will bring ethics, transparency, integrity, and passion to Escondido leadership and serve our residents with pride.

Paloma Aguirre - Imperial Beach City Council

[www.paloma4ibcouncil.com/](http://www.paloma4ibcouncil.com)

Paloma Aguirre has been working to address some of the most pressing threats to Imperial Beach's quality of life, including both environmental and public health issues. Her bilingual and bicultural background allows her to be a leading advocate addressing cross-border beach water and solid waste pollution.

In 2006, she joined WILDCOAST, where she became U.S.-Mexico Border Director, leading efforts to conserve 79,642 acres of coastal, and marine ecosystems in the San Diego-Tijuana border region. In 2016, Paloma left WILDCOAST to work for U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), assisting him in developing federal legislation in the oceans and environment portfolio. In 2017, she re-joined WILDCOAST as Coastal and Marine Director and currently oversees projects to conserve coastal ecosystems in the border region, and ocean policy at the state and federal levels. Most recently, she played a key role in helping Tijuana pass its first single-use plastic bag ban.

Ed Spriggs - Imperial Beach City Council

edspriggs4ib.com/

Councilmember Ed Spriggs has been actively working to improve Imperial Beach for nearly two decades, serving the city in various volunteer capacities prior to his 2010 election. Ed is respected for his thoughtful, well-reasoned decision making. He has led efforts to develop and complete the Breakwater Shopping Center, the Pier South Hotel, a new library, dog park, paved alleys, and provide excellent city services.

Ed is a Statewide leader on coastal management issues and the fight to end cross border pollution. For the League of California Cities, he chairs both the 61-member Coastal Cities Group and the Policy Committee on Housing, Community and Economic Development. He holds a BA in Economics from UCSD and a JD from NYU. Ed sincerely appreciates the Sierra Club's endorsement and asks for everyone to vote on November 6. www.edspriggs4ib.com

Esther Sanchez – Oceanside City Council, District 1

yesesther.nationbuilder.com/

I've protected Oceanside's neighborhoods, parks, open space, coastal and watershed resources, and expanded recreational opportunities. We have three new parks, a senior center and 22 soccer fields.

I've championed green jobs, smart growth, livable streets, and bicycle-friendly commu-

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

I'm currently working on an aquatics center at El Corazón, agri-tourism, organics recycling, community choice energy, and Climate Action Plan. Unfortunately, our parks, open space and agricultural resources are currently threatened with unfettered growth that would destroy the economic and environmental sustainability of Oceanside. YES4Esther.com

Please vote YES for Esther Sanchez, Oceanside City Council, District 1 and YES on Y!

Lawrence "Larry" Kornit - Oceanside City Council, District 2

www.kornitforcouncil.com

As an Oceanside resident for over 18 years, I've seen our city go from a rural to a more metropolitan area and become a poster child for the collective impact of poor planning, urban sprawl, and inadequate mass transit, producing traffic nightmares and more greenhouse gas emissions.

Oceanside has no Climate Action Plan and no Community Choice Energy, despite studying these issues for over three years. My goal on the City Council will be to lower our CO₂ score by reducing the number of cars on the road, bringing in more mass transit options and incentivizing ridership. We should encourage offshore farming of sugar kelp, which absorbs CO₂ and can be used to harvest seafood. We should require solar panels to be installed on new construction and all municipal buildings. I will fight for making sure that natural habitats stay that way.

Chris Orlando - Mayor of San Marcos

www.orlandoformayor.com

As a 12-year San Marcos city councilmember, I've been a leader in advocating for parks and protecting our ridgelines and open space. I was the lone vote on the Council against projects with negative environmental impacts.

I've been an advocate for transit, serving in leadership positions regionally. I chaired the Regional Energy Working Group, where I advocated for continuing to build out our electric vehicle charging network. In San Marcos, I helped pass a congestion management measure that makes developers fund transportation options – the only measure like it in the County.

My candidacy is about the future of San Marcos – preserving the neighborhoods we love and improving quality of life. I'll implement solutions to congestion, enhance parks and trails, and protect our neighborhoods

by only supporting developments that bring needed infrastructure and don't harm the environment.

Jennifer Campbell – San Diego City Council, District 2

drjen2018.com/

Jennifer Campbell, MD is a family physician, professor, and community activist. As a physician, she cared for patients and taught medical students over a 37-year career. She has served her community on the executive board of the Clairemont Town Council and the Human Dignity Foundation. Dr. Jen has also been an elected or appointed leader of the local, state, and national Democratic Party.

After years of being environmentally conscious in her private life, Dr. Jen has made environmental issues a top priority in her campaign. She fully supports the Climate Action Plan and will fight to ensure its success, is ready to implement Community Choice Energy, and believes it's time for a Styrofoam ban. When elected, she will name a member of her staff dedicated to our most pressing environmental issues. Her background and experience have prepared her to be "The Doctor on Call to Fix City Hall."

Monica Montgomery - San Diego City Council, District 4

www.voteformonica.org

Monica Montgomery is a native San Diegan whose legal career has been dedicated to the improvement and uplifting of the city of San Diego as a whole and the city's Fourth City Council District. Her commitment to community and environment is shown through her service on various community boards, including the Groundworks San Diego Board where she advocated for energy efficiency, natural resource protection, and walkable communities.

She is an attorney who practiced law in the areas of civil rights, consumer, real estate, and bankruptcy. Before joining the ACLU in 2016, Monica worked at the City of San Diego for three elected officials serving as a senior policy advisor. She won the primary election, is the community's choice, and has been endorsed by the San Diego Democrats for Environmental Action.

Tommy Hough – San Diego City Council, District 6

While best-known in San Diego for his time on the air at FM 94/9 and 91X, Tommy Hough has been serving environmental causes for years. Along with his citizen lobbying efforts on behalf of the California State Parks Foundation, Tommy was the founder and host of Treehuggers International on FM 94/9, and used his morning show platform to organize post-Cedar Fire volunteer efforts at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and to heighten awareness

and drive the public to state and federal hearings over the proposed toll road at Trestles and San Onofre State Beach. Tommy later served as communications coordinator for the San Diego Surfrider chapter, and led media and communications efforts at Oregon Wild in Portland. A Sierra Club FEAT Awardee in 2017, Tommy is currently running for San Diego City Council in District 6.

Vivian Moreno - San Diego City Council, District 8

www.vivianmorenosd.com

I've lived in South Bay my entire life and have wonderful memories of the natural environment surrounding our communities. From the Tijuana Estuary and Otay Valley Regional Park to our amazing canyon system, I treasure our natural places. The canyon near my house was my opportunity as a child to connect with nature. Every kid in District 8 deserves to experience the simple joys of nature. As Councilmember I will fight to ensure that our environment is protected and preserved for future generations.

Climate change is becoming more severe and San Diego must reduce GHG emissions. I will fight to implement the City's Climate Action Plan, build infrastructure for public transit, biking and walking and provide residents with more clean energy choices.

I am honored to be endorsed by the Sierra Club, the San Diego Democrats for Environmental Action, Councilmember David Alvarez, and Chula Vista Mayor Mary Salas.

Kristi Becker – Solana Beach City Council

www.kristibecker4solanabeach.org

Solana Beach has been a leader on environmental issues. I will work to continue this progress. As a Commissioner on the Solana Beach Climate Action Commission, I was involved in drafting the City's Climate Action Plan and launching Solana Beach's Community Choice Energy program, a cheaper, greener energy option for residents and businesses. If elected, I will work to implement the mitigation measures in the Plan and continue to promote our Community Choice Energy program.

Also, I support Solana Beach's revitalization and expansion of our largest park, La Colonia de Eden Gardens. Parks and open space are essential to a healthy suburban environment. Protecting the environment is good for our quality of life and good for business.

Kelly Harless – Solana Beach City Council

kellyforcitycouncil.com

The tiny town of Solana Beach has done big things. We were the first city in all of San Diego County to ban single-use plastic bags and polystyrene containers. Solana Beach also established the Solana Energy Alliance (SEA), the County's first CCA. I will foster Solana Beach's leadership role in achieving environmental sustainability. My experience as a City

Commissioner on the Parks and Recreation and View Assessment Commissions, my activism on issues (including SEA) critical to the health of our environment, and my high-level position in a large, university-based research center conducting clinical trials to treat Alzheimer's Disease all contribute to a philosophy and set of skills that will serve Solana Beach and the Sierra Club community well.

STATE BALLOT MEASURES

YES - Proposition 1 - Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018

Proposition 1 would authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for housing-related programs, loans, grants, and projects and housing loans for veterans. Funding would include such items as construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of rental housing for persons with incomes of 60 percent or below of the area median income, housing projects near transit stations, infill infrastructure that supports high-density affordable and mixed-income housing, and loans to low-income and moderate-income homebuyers.

NO - Proposition 3 - Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018

The bond would provide \$8.877 billion for various water projects and programs. The flaws in the bond will enable certain dams and other infrastructure we have opposed. It also directs to unspecified water projects a specific category of funds collected through the state's cap-and-trade program that should be used to efficiently cut climate emissions.

NO - Proposition 6 - Eliminates Recently Enacted Road Repair and Transportation Funding

The measure is an attempt to repeal Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, passed in 2017 that raises about \$5.2 billion a year to fix the state's crumbling roads and bridges and improve public transit service.

YES - Proposition 10 - Affordable Housing Act

Expands the ability of local governments to establish rent control measures. The measure rescinds the Costa-Hawkins Act, which prevents rent controls to be applied to housing constructed after 1995.

YES - Proposition 12 - Prevention of Cruelty to Farm Animals Act

The purpose of this Act is to prevent animal cruelty by phasing out extreme methods of farm animal confinement, which also threaten the health and safety of California consumers, and increase the risk of foodborne illness and associated negative fiscal impacts on the State of California." It would amend the Health and Safety Code to extend the provisions of Prop 2 (2008), make them more specific and less subjective, and ban the importation of non-compliant meat and eggs into California.

LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

County of San Diego

YES - Measure D

- Full Voter Participation Initiative

Initiative measure proposing Charter Amendments requiring all elections for San Diego County elective offices to be held at a General Election and requiring adoption of local regulations relating to write-in candidates for county elective office. This measure ensures that big decisions are made by a majority of voters. San Diego County's current system allows candidates to win elections in the June primary, when as few as 20 percent of voters participate. This measure would ensure final decisions on candidates are made in November, when as many as 80 percent of voters cast ballots.

City of Oceanside

YES - Measure Y - Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR)

www.oceanside-soar.org

Initiative Measure Amending the Land Use Element of the Oceanside General Plan to Require Voter Approval of Proposals to Change the Land Use Designation or Zoning of Agricultural or Open Space Land to Any Other Use.

Over 13,000 Oceanside voters signed petitions to get Measure Y/SOAR on the ballot. Measure Y protects parks, open space and farmland by giving Oceanside residents the right to vote before allowing developers to convert these lands to other uses. Voters decide if a proposed project is a benefit to their community- or one that will degrade their quality of life with more traffic congestion, air pollution, Greenhouse Gasses and increased emergency response times.

Measure Y also protects El Corazon and the 20-year promise to build this 465-acre park in the heart of Oceanside. Social and environmental justice are at the core of our Sierra Club decisions. Measure Y specifically exempts land that in the future might be needed to meet the requirements for affordable housing.

We all know that poorly planned sprawl development is not what we want for our region. Once open space lands are built on they are lost forever. We and future generations will feel this loss- and will pay for the extra infrastructure (roads, sewer, water and emergency response services) for years to come.

City of San Diego

NO - Measure E

- Mission Valley – Soccer City Initiative

Initiative measure to lease Mission Valley stadium property and the San Diego Chargers

practice facility on Murphy Canyon Road to a private party for 99 years, with an option to buy some stadium property, consistent with price, terms, and conditions described in the measure; and adopt a specific plan and agreement allowing development of stadium, river park, recreational, residential, office, hotel, retail, and other uses; and amend related land use laws.

The Sierra Club urges voters to Vote NO on the Soccer City initiative. Both Sierra Club San Diego and Sierra Club California were unanimous in their opposition to SoccerCity. Sierra Club opposes the SoccerCity initiative because it circumvents the CEQA process, provides no environmental impact report, prohibits any public hearings, and is a private land grab of a public resource. The Club also opposes Soccer City because the initiative does not impose any timeline or obligation on the initiative sponsors, FS Investors, to build a River Park along the San Diego River and would generate the most traffic of any proposal. SoccerCity is also opposed by the Democratic Party of San Diego, the Environmental Democrats, San Diego Police Officers Association, and the San Diego River Park Foundation.

YES - Measure G – Mission Valley

- SDSU West Initiative

Initiative measure to sell Mission Valley stadium property to San Diego State University or any SDSU auxiliary organization, entity, or affiliate, consistent with price, terms, and conditions described in the measure, to allow the California State University Board of Trustees to determine its development, which may include stadium, recreational, educational, residential, office, hotel, retail, and other uses; and if sold, shall the City set aside adjacent land for a river park.

Sierra Club San Diego and Sierra Club California both unanimously endorsed SDSU West ballot initiative for the redevelopment of the former Qualcomm Stadium site. The SDSU West initiative ensures San Diego State University will deliver on its vision of a second campus with nearly 90 acres of public parks including a 50-acre River Park in Mission Valley. Sierra Club supports SDSU West because the initiative requires San Diego State University to be fully compliant with all aspects of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) including a comprehensive and full Environmental Impact Report and open public hearings. In addition to the Sierra Club SDSU West is endorsed by dozens of organizations including the San Diego Democratic Party, The Environmental Democrats, Barbara Bry, Scott Peters, Greg Cox, Todd Gloria, Juan Vargas Ben Hueso, the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, and the CSU Board of Trustees.

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

2nd Friday Movie Night

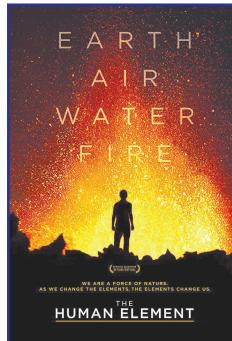
Note: No Reservations needed, ever!

October 12, 6:30pm

Movie: The Human Element (2018)

2hrs 19min

Photographer James Balog uses his camera to reveal how environmental change is affecting the lives of everyday Americans. Using the four elements of Air, Earth, Fire, and Water to frame his journey, Balog explores wildfires, hurricanes, sea level rise, coal mining, and air quality. With compassion and heart. The Human Element tells an urgent story while inspiring us to strive for a balanced relationship between humanity and nature.



FILM SCREENING and SOLAR Q & A

Friday, October 5, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

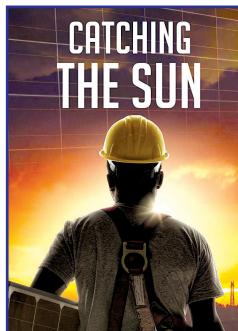
Chapter Office

A celebration of the sun! Enjoy complimentary dinner, a film screening of Catching the Sun followed by a solar and battery question and answer.

Please RSVP at

www.sierraclubsolarprogram.org

Catching the Sun - "A must-see film. An eye-opening look at workers and entrepreneurs on the fore front of the clean energy movement that will transform and enliven the way you see the future. What is clear is the wonderful opportunity the transition to clean energy represents." —Mark Ruffalo



November 9, 6:30pm

Movie: 500 Years: Life in

Resistance (2017)

1hr 49min

This film is the third of a three-part series depicting the centuries-old struggle of Guatemala's indigenous majority against a powerful elite minority, an aspiring middle class, foreign corporations, and the brutal military that supports them through torture, killings, evictions, burning of villages, and the theft and destruction of Mayan land. The film depicts the genocide trial of two military leaders, the struggles in defense of indigenous land,

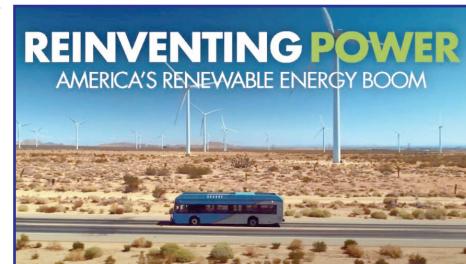


and the massive 2015 protests against corruption and impunity that finally united urban middle class protestors with those from the Mayan countryside. Ongoing protests against mining, oil drilling, and for water rights demonstrates that Mayan resistance in Guatemala is an unfinished history.

December 14, 6:30pm

Movie: Reinventing Power: America's Renewable Energy Boom (2018) 50min

This film, the Sierra Club's newest documentary, takes the viewer across the country to hear directly from the people making our clean energy future achievable. These individuals are working to rebuild what's broken, re-think what's possible, and revitalize communities. Critically, the film underscores the notion that jobs, economic growth, and innovation don't have to be sacrificed for a clean environment. Reinventing Power focuses on people in eight states whose lives were changed by the renewable energy industry while exploring various aspects of clean energy from innovation to installation.



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.

Go to: sandiegosierraclub.org

Then click on "Get Outdoors"

Sierra Talks

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

October 5

"Wilderness Basics" Trips

The Wilderness Basics Course (WBC) is a ten week hiking, camping, and backpacking course that combines ten in-class lectures with four overnight weekend

outings taught by experienced and dedicated staff. This class is designed for all levels from beginners to advanced backpackers. This comprehensive course will give you key information about: selecting clothing, gear, and equipment; how to use a map and compass; physical conditioning; first aid and safety; food selection and preparation; water filtration; animal encounters; sanitation and lots more!

Michael Taylor will cover how participants are taught skills to safely enjoy the wilderness. The four overnight outings allow practice of the skills learned in class while exploring the great outdoors. The goal is to share knowledge and skills in the safe enjoyment of wilderness areas and to convey a sense of responsibility for maintaining the purity and integrity of the wilderness environment. Michael has been leading outings for WBC and bus trips since 2012 -- he is currently the chair for WBC. He has also served as Chairman of the Sierra Social Section and continues to lead picturesque as well as challenging hikes for the Section. His presentation will show what WBC has to offer.



County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Announces 2018 Champion Award Recipients

Seven people were recognized at the 3rd annual Champion Awards for their numerous years of volunteer work and environmental stewardship this past Wednesday by the San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). This year's esteemed winner was John Allen, a resident of Ramona, CA who has been a dedicated volunteer for over 30 years. Not only has Allen helped rehabilitate riparian habitats around San Diego, he has acted as a tireless leader for various conservation efforts that will continue to inspire the important programmatic, educational and operational

November 2

Bodie: Good Times & Bad

Called "A fearfully and wonderfully bad place," by Bodie Daily Free Press on January 7, 1880, the Bodie

of yesteryear had as notorious a reputation then as its remnant ghost town does today, drawing in roughly 200,000 visitors annually as a California State Historic Park. This presentation by Will Furman, photographer, will look at Bodie's dual nature. The photography reveals the ghosts of Bodie in a fresh and provocative way: "FotoReflections", a new technique, utilizes both the reflectivity and translucency of windows to create a single image with multiple planes. The result conjures a Bodie that is haunting and evocative.



Will Furman will discuss the unique history of what has become America's most popular ghost town, and the "FotoReflections" photography technique he developed. His photographic finesse developed through his career as a commercial photographer, during which he produced scores of marketing and educational films for Apple, Black & Decker, and many other companies. He is also a cabaret singer, musician, and performer.

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

work needed to keep County's Parks beautiful for future generations to enjoy. Those who have visited Mission Bay Park, Famosa Slough, Rose Creek Estuary, Tecolote Canyon, Harry



Griffen Regional Park, Cleveland National Forest, among other parks in the San Diego region have Allen and his fellow volunteers to thank for their service.

SANDAC Improving Local Transportation Options

SANDAC, or San Diego Activist Citizens, is a new volunteer program at Sierra Club San Diego Chapter that focuses on advancing public transit throughout San Diego County. Not to be confused with SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments), SANDAC's mission is to encourage SANDAG to consider and ultimately opt for a transit-first Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In stark contrast to the business-as-usual eco-unfriendly 2015 RTP that heavily prioritized freeway development and sprawl over public transit and density, we want the 2019 RTP to put transit first. By allocating the majority of SANDAG's 1.3 billion dollar annual budget to public transit development and operations, a transit-first RTP would slash greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and public health, and advance social equity.

Why now?

Right now, SANDAG is developing a few possible 2019 RTPs, one of which will be adopted in the coming months and in turn determine the future of transportation throughout San Diego County. This is our best opportunity to let SANDAG board members know what Sierra Club wants to see in these proposed RTPs, and which one of the proposed RTPs we want SANDAG to adopt. Furthermore, the recent passage of AB 805, which shifts voting power in favor of larger cities more receptive to investment in public transit, increases the likelihood that SANDAG will be responsive to our demands.

How does SANDAC work?

SANDAC pairs each of SANDAG's 21 board members with a couple of their constituents. For example, if you live in Encinitas, you would be paired with either the mayor of Encinitas. Each volunteer will act as a direct, clear, and positive line of communication between Sierra Club San Diego and SANDAG, keeping each SANDAG board member aware of Sierra Club's messaging through the relationship they develop with that board member.

Outside of two informational training sessions and a third public speaking training session, participation in the SANDAG program will require only a few hours of your time per month throughout the fall. Most of that time will be spent reaching out to and meeting with your assigned SANDAG board member, along with occasionally speaking at city council meetings and SANDAG board meetings. It is a unique opportunity to meaningfully participate in local politics while taking a minimal amount of time out of your schedule. And the impact of your volunteer efforts just might be reflected in the passage of a forward-thinking RTP that positively impacts San Diego for thirty years and beyond.

If you are interested in transportation, local politics, city planning, or the future of San Diego County, please consider volunteering for San Diego Activist Citizens. For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, please email join@sandac.org.

The Chapter's Seal Society Docent Training - A Recent Experience

By Ellen Shively

Two docents of the Chapter's Seal Society presented the "Harbor Seals of La Jolla" for the "Sierra Talks" program on August 3rd. The attentiveness and the intelligent questions and comments from our membership were impressive. After the program, three attendees requested the docent training. New docent prospects are always a joy and challenge, as they bring a wealth of different life experiences and enthusiasm for conservation of our local wildlife. The training consists of three sessions to learn about harbor seals and effective ways to educate visitors. In return, we ask that prospective volunteers plan on at least two shifts (or more if you can) at the beach per month.

Within a week, the instructor provided the docent training manual for these folks and scheduled a session for two of the prospective docents at the beach. There, we reviewed the information and answered any questions. The eager prospects had done their homework and showed a good grasp of the material. This was followed by a "shadow session" as the experienced trainer demonstrated some effective techniques for speaking to the visitors about the seals and answering any questions. As we toured Casa Beach, we observed the setting from a fresh perspective. The students noted that the summer "open beach" guideline rope seemed to direct beach visitors toward the wet side of the rope and effectively closed off the dry side. Their impression of the signs on the rope poles was that they were far too wordy and not read by most of the people who are looking toward the water. The information seemed to them to focus on human safety, with sparse information on protection of the seals. Our new trainees confirmed that an opportunity to educate visitors with improved signs was sorely needed.

With an absence of seals on the beach this day, we walked over to the other marine mammal grouping in La Jolla, the sea lions. We have been hearing for several years that the Park and Rec Dept. was planning a "city sponsored docent program" and were disappointed when the sea lions at the Cove were to be the focus, and not the harbor seals of Casa Beach. The city sponsored docent program is scheduled only on weekends. There is one educational full colored sign describing the differences between seals and sea lions and a few tips for responsible marine life viewing. But - with no oversight or clear directions for what a safe distance from the sea lions is, people were all over the rocky point used by the sea lions for socializing and sleeping. The uninformed visitors were in such close range, that they were impeding the animal's freedom of movement. We watched as one young pup scampered away from its mother, but when the mother tried to follow, the way was obstructed by visitors seemingly unaware of their interference and the stress they were causing. The two trainees asked if they could give some clear directions to the public for both their safety and that of the mammals. They used a low key, but firm approach and were pleased with the visitor's willingness to cooperate, once the rationale was explained to them. Later, the students commented how important our efforts are in protecting the animals.

With the harbor seal pupping season fast approaching, (December 15) the safety and well-being of the colony at Casa Beach will be greatly improved by the education and direction offered by our docents. If you are interested in joining us in this satisfying and interesting volunteer activity, please contact Ellen at: ellenshively@sbglobal.net.

Inspiring Connections Outdoors

Bill Tayler
San Diego, ICO Co-Chair



Our Favorite Time of Year: Snorkeling in La Jolla Cove

by Bill Tayler

"When can we go snorkeling again?" It's a question that I hear from kids all year long. The ICO kids love the hiking and camping trips we take, but there is just something about snorkeling that is special to them. Maybe it's the challenge and excitement of learning a new skill, of doing something that is totally outside of their regular experience. Most of the kids we take have never been swimming in the ocean – much less snorkeling – until they come on an ICO snorkeling trip. And most are not able to go again until we take them.

Or maybe the snorkeling trips are so special because of all the wildlife we see. On a day of hiking in the mountains, we will see some birds and squirrels at a distance, maybe a few lizards

or a snake, and occasionally a coyote or deer. But on a snorkeling trip, the kids are surrounded by fish – literally swimming through schools of mackerel, eye-to-eye with Garibaldi, and right next to large, cruising sea bass. And then there are the sea lions... zooming past as close range, turning their heads to look them in the eye, and sometimes coming up underneath the kids from behind to blow air bubbles at them – if anything is having as much fun than the kids, it's the sea lions. And while a child's first up-close experience with adult sea lions – which are larger than most of the kids – can be a bit scary, the kids soon learn to follow our advice (stay calm, tuck in your hands, don't try to touch them) and love snorkeling with the sea lions.

Or maybe they feel what I feel – a sense of deep serenity and complete detachment from any problems that exist in the world above (of

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.sandiegoserraclub.org

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

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

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which many of them, unfortunately, have quite a few in their young lives). For me, it's all of the above. And when summer ends and the water turns cold, I too find myself asking, "When can we go snorkeling again?"



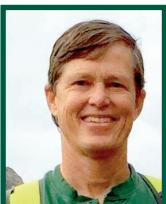
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Amelie Catheline

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.

Chapter Continues Legal Action to Enforce County Climate Action Plan

Court Cases Now in 6th Year

By George Courser, Chair Conservation Committee

With so many new Sierra Club members, our Chair Peter Andersen requested a timely review of our litigation actions to date. Please let me begin with a preamble:

As a conservation premise, lawsuits and litigation are the very last options Sierra Club considers. Litigation can be a distraction from our goals and is employed in only the most blatant of cases. In order to provide the most thorough vetting, proposed cases are also scrutinized by our National legal staff as well as a panel of Club leaders.

Using these guiding principles, Sierra Club employs only the most skilled attorneys. Our present success is in a large part due to the legal team of Chatten-Brown & Carstens. Many of us have enjoyed the pleasure of knowing Jan Chatten-Brown and her son Joshua, who have been our primary litigators in this highly regarded firm. Well known Attorneys Corey Briggs and Malinda Dickenson also successfully served Sierra Club in the first Climate Action Plan lawsuit. Generous funding from our members provided a great deal of our financial ability to take effective action.

The basis of our current litigation began following passage of the 2011 San Diego County General Plan Update (GPU). This was an immense project that involved thousands of Sierra Club volunteer hours, took over 13-years to complete cost taxpayers \$18 million. The GPU was supposed to stop dangerous sprawl and "leap frog" building in the fire prone San Diego back country. A critical aspect of the protective mitigation required was the creation of the county's Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP was to include enforceable measures that generally planned development to occur in the western part of the County, closer to cities, and preventing long commutes to reduce levels of Green House Gas (GHG) generated in the County through a thoughtful planning process.

In 2012 the Club sued the County claiming the County did not keep its promises to the people that it made in connection with its General Plan Update – promises to create a "comprehensive and enforceable" Climate Action Plan that achieves emissions reductions. Predictably, the CAP was found to be defective in many areas, primarily being unenforceable to the point of being voluntary. The judge in this case described the County's lack of effective CAP action as: "The CAP regards its goals and strategies as mere recommendations."

In 2013 the Club won that law suit. To avoid finding that its 2011 General Plan Update would contribute to the problem of climate change, the County adopted Mitigation Measure CC-1.2, which required the County to prepare a Climate Action Plan to achieve the emissions reductions required by the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). Regardless of massive contrary evidence, the County appealed the judgement, following a unilateral line of actions that would be characterized by appealing every ruling contrary to their inadequate CAP. The fight continues to this day.

On August 24, the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit challenging the County of San Diego's failure to adequately evaluate greenhouse gas mitigation when it approved three new major development projects in what are currently undisturbed habitats. The suit contends that in approving the projects, the County is relying on measures that fail to meet legal

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Suzi Sandore

Suzi's first exposure to the Sierra Club was in 2009, when she first took the North County Wilderness Basics Course. She was excited to meet so many people that shared her love of nature and wilderness places and took the course again in 2010 for the sheer enjoyment of it. In 2011 she became a Chapter Outings Leader and leads hikes and backpacks for the North County WBC. She was elected to the North County Group Executive Committee in 2012 and has been honored to serve as the North County Group Chair from 2013-2016 and is again currently serving as Chair. Suzi has supported the North County Group's increased activity in local conservation issues and is a member of the newly formed North County Group Political Committee, which interviewed candidates at the local, state, and federal level who sought endorsement from the Sierra Club in the 2018 election.

As a Realtor who lives and works in North County, she is alarmed by the massive developments being approved in our rural backcountry and the dangers they pose to our wildlife, air, water and quality of life.



Shae Alai

The North County Wilderness Basics Course was my first exposure to the Sierra Club in 2008. Right away I knew that I wanted to be a part of this wonderful organization. I've always loved nature and being outside as long as I can remember. After the course ended,

I completed the chapter outing leader weekend training with north county San Diego. I became COL1 and then later COL2. I was a school teacher for years & now a yoga teacher.

It is so awesome to have the opportunity to not only share our love of nature with others but also explore and learn ways to protect & preserve nature for future generations. Everything & everyone is interconnected in this beautiful web of life & nature.

I would love to serve on the executive committee. Let's do this together! Ending with one of my favorite quotes of all time by John Muir: "When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe." Hallelujah!!



Lisa Allen

I am honored by this opportunity to be able to serve on the Executive Committee.

I am at my happiest when I am outdoors, whether it be hiking, camping or kayaking. My excitement is to be able to share these experiences; to lead and educate others who may not have had the opportunity to explore.

I became a student during the 2017 WBC. I loved it! I

had never backpacked before. I felt empowered by being self sustainable. I was energized from the lessons and passion of the leaders. I learned so much. I knew I wanted to give back.

I became a COL 1 the next year and volunteered as staff for the 2018 WBC. I attended every meeting with enthusiasm. These experiences solidified my desire to be involved with the Sierra Club.

I am grateful for the opportunities to grow and contribute. I look forward to continuing to be a part of this amazing organization.



Doug Grover

The North County Group has a long tradition of promoting environmental protection through its Wilderness Basics Course -- people introduced to the wilderness will advocate for its protection. In today's political environment, greater public engagement is necessary to protect the environment. I support ongoing efforts to expand the

North County Group's conservation outreach and political activism.



Deborah Vande Berg

Deborah Vande Berg joined the Sierra Club to build a knowledge base for safe hiking & camping in National & State Park wilderness areas. The natural world with its beautiful outback trails led Deborah to join the North County Wilderness Basics Course, acquire a NOLS Remote &

Wilderness First Aid Certification, and to later become a volunteer WBC Staff Member working towards COL status, now entering her 4th year. Her interests in Wilderness Conservation, is measured by her financial contributions to various conservation agencies, and animal rescue foundations. Recently, Deborah has been a re-supplier for the John Muir Trail, and organized and lead annual Desert Wildflower Camping events with Horizon Women's Group. In Oct 2018, Deborah will be leading a 4 day Havasupai Falls Trip for members of a local running group.

Currently, Deborah is involved in Co-Organizing Canicross USA-San Diego Group, and Co-Owner of Canicross Country, a San Diego dryland sports dog outfitter business. Both organize monthly canicross runs on the San Dieguito River Conservancy trail system, and together planning the upcoming 2019 San Diego Canicross Trail Race Series, at Meetup – Canicross San Diego. Along with her partner, they train Canicross race teams, and incorporate a respect for trail etiquette to all their members. Both are supporters of the San Diego River Conservancy, and Helen Woodward's Animal Shelter.



Angie Butler

I've been a Sierra Club member since 1984. I became a COL I in 1985 so we could have Wednesday Night Hikes in North County. I became a COL II the following year to lead backpacks for the NCG WBC. I can still feel the awe I felt on my first Sierra Club Hike. I was just mesmerized by Nature's diversity. I still feel that way.

The recent wildfires have burned so much of our spectacular natural local reserves and there is so much we must do to help save our California wild areas for our future generations. Let's all do this!

2019



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This is the 11th year that we have offered this chartered trip. The boat is modern, spacious, and comfortable. 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.

Mission: Impossible? A Wilderness Basics Course Experience

by Jessica Grieves



The plane touched down on the runway in and it was official – I was a San Diegan. I am no stranger to being the “new kid” – this was my 11th out-of-state move. Leaving behind loved ones and starting over again and again was wearing on me in middle age. Would establishing a new community be mission impossible, I wondered? As an outdoor enthusiast, my first effort toward that end was joining the Sierra Club. Soon thereafter I received my first copy of the Hi Sierran newsletter. Oooohhh, what’s this?? An advertisement for the 2018 Wilderness Basics Course (WBC) had my attention. I was an experienced day hiker, trail runner, and mountain biker, but had completed only two overnight trips, both of which were highly supported by experienced backpackers. I longed for the solitude of far off places, but was daunted by spending the night outdoors with virtually no experience. What hazards

must I prepare for? What do I eat? Where should I pitch my tent? The WBC seemed to have answers to these questions and many others, plus it would provide me with an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals. I was online as soon as registration opened (and you should be, too – this course fills up fast!).

January finally came and, with it, the first of 10 weekly lectures focused on a wide range of backpacking-related topics from gear to nutrition to planning your own outing. The lectures were informative and often entertaining. I think we will all remember the “how to poop in the woods” lecture! With over 200 participants in the San Diego course, there was no shortage of folks to chat with during breaks. I find that trail people tend to be good people and I enjoyed and learned from each of my interactions.

The hands-on experience that the four overnight outings provided was the highlight of the program for me. On the first outing, car camp, a group of 15 or so hikers were led by two knowledgeable WBC veterans. Miles on the trail flew by as the group chatted about their backgrounds and the leaders regaled us with stories of WBC outings past. I found this to be one of the most useful aspects of the outing and I took copious mental notes. To my surprise, I survived the outing with only a few scratches from bushwhacking and one tick that took a free ride on my hip (remember to

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No tickets will be issued.

By making payment you are officially registered and will receive notification and confirmation.

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check yourself!). I felt ready for more remote experiences.

The final three outings were one-night backpacks, each with a unique focus. I think of the desert/mountain outing as “Backpacking 101”. This is the first opportunity to carry a full pack to a destination. In typical rookie style, my pack was comically overstuffed. I incorporated a combination of the leader’s suggestions and tips provided in the ultra-light backpacking lecture to reduce my pack base weight by nearly 10 lbs – a major accomplishment for tiny person who could be confused as a child from behind! The land navigation outing was the first time I used a compass. I am far from an expert, but I now have enough functional knowledge to make good cross-country route decisions and to find my way again if I get off track. Since becoming a 2018 WBC graduate, I have completed my two solo outings, spent 3 nights on the Colorado River (Sierra Club Grand Canyon Bus Trip), become a Sierra Club Level I Chapter Outings Leader, and planned two upcoming solo backpacking trips of up to 8 days’ duration - one in a foreign country! I regularly hike and backpack with individuals I met through the WBC and look forward to many more days and nights on the trail with them.

So, was establishing a new community mission impossible? Hardly. In my mind, it is mission accomplished.

Wilderness Basics Course 2019

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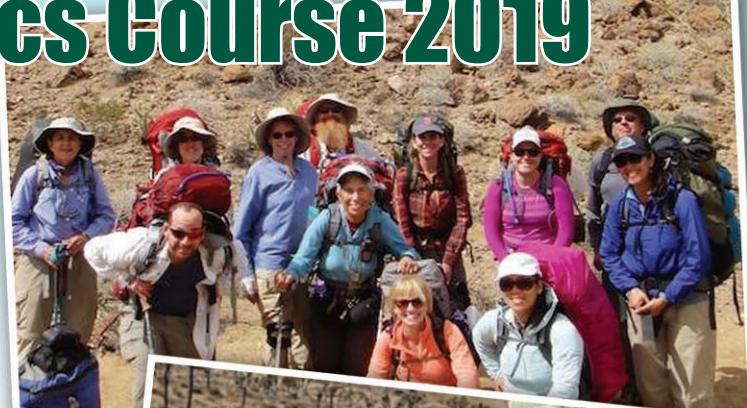
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Amelie Catheline

Carl Pope

Write In: _____

Mark Jenne

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Ballots must be received by 5pm NOVEMBER 12, 2018

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Elections-San Diego Chapter Sierra Club

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92054 Oceanside

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92014 Del Mar

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standards and has violated state law requiring enforceable mitigation measures.

This suit follows one in March challenging the County's latest iteration of its Climate Action Plan (CAP), which again failed to set forth concrete, enforceable measures to adequately reduce the climate change impacts of development in the county. In approving each of these individual projects, the County is relying on the same problematic measures it sought to adopt in its CAP and is attempting to batch a group of different projects into one approval in order to avoid a state law that limits major general plan amendments to four a year.

While the County was presumably responding to a successful earlier suit by the Sierra Club, instead of rendering the Plan stronger, the County instead modified its CAP and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in a way that effectively removes its mitigation measure requiring emission reductions

in the County, and allowing "offsets" to be obtained anywhere in the world, which makes the "offsets" far less enforceable, and deprives the residents of the County of San Diego of some of the associated benefits of Greenhouse Gas (GHG's) in the County. This attempt violates the mitigation measures in the CAP and EIR and the California Environmental Quality Act's requirement that are in addition to other legal requirements. The Sierra Club is suing to enforce that measure to protect communities from greenhouse gas emissions and the associated other air emissions which have direct adverse public health impacts.

Additionally, the County is batching projects to evade California's law limiting General Plan Amendments (GPA) to four per year. In order to skirt the law, the County has sought to combine multiple large-scale GPAs into one amendment.

This is the 6th challenge that the Sierra Club has brought against the County of San involving the failure of the County to comply

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92046 Escondido	92068 & 92069 San Marcos	92088 Fallbrook
92058 Oceanside	92070 Santa Ysabel	92127 & 92128 San Diego
92059 Pala	92074 Poway	92198 San Diego

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with laws intended to reduce the impacts of climate change. In one of the two challenges filed on the 2018 CAP, the Sierra Club was joined by Center for Biological Diversity, Cleveland National Forest Foundation, Climate Action Campaign, Endangered Habitats League, Environmental Center of San Diego, and Preserve Wild Santee.

Want to help? Litigation costs can be very expensive for the Chapter. Even though many of our lawyers do so at a very steep discount or on a pro bono basis, there are still associated costs that the Club must cover. Financial support from our members and supporters is vital. You can make a tax-deductible donation by sending a check payable to "Sierra Club Foundation" with "San Diego Chapter" in the memo line. PLEASE do not make any other notations on the check or we will not be able to process. For non-tax-deductible donations, make the check payable to "Sierra Club San Diego". Mail to Sierra Club San Diego, 8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Ste #101, San Diego, CA 92111 or go online to our website at <http://sandiegosierraclub.org/donate/>. Thank you.

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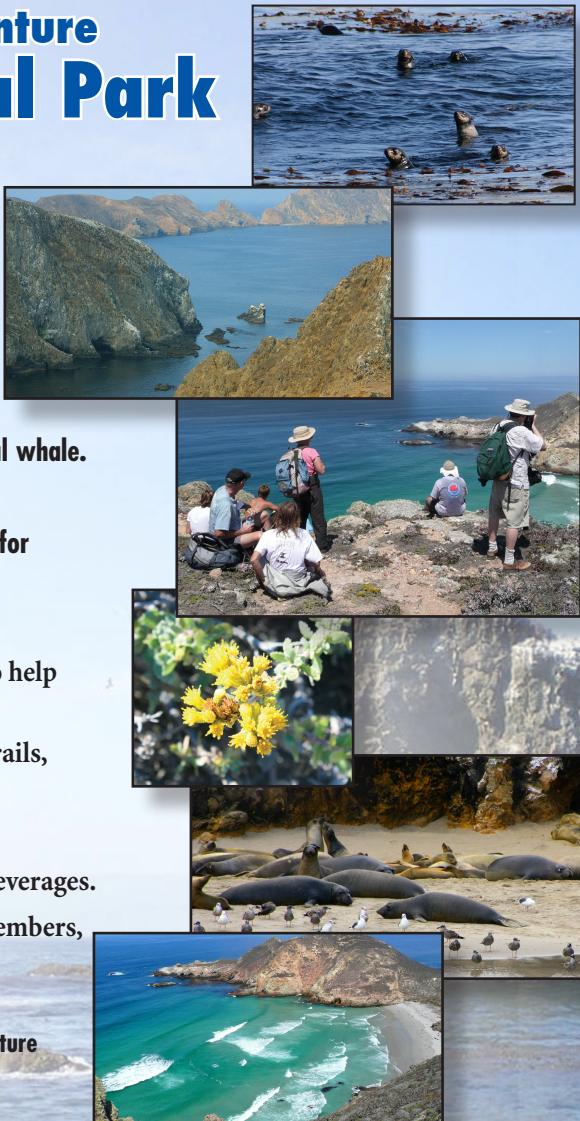
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