



Sierra Club San Diego Chapter

HiSIERRAN

Serving San Diego And Imperial Counties

Vol 83 No. 3

Visit our website at: www.sandigosierraclub.org

July/August/September 2023

Wildfire Season Preparedness and Safety

Wildfires have proved to be prolific and destructive over the past several years, becoming a nationwide and global issue. The sudden and variable threat of wildland fire means that many of us need to be prepared during the present and upcoming wildfire season. Already entire regions of the continent have been impacted by wildfires and wildfire smoke this year. Experts predict the high likelihood of a long and heavy fire season that may challenge our work, communities, and resources. We want to encourage thoughtful, early planning and readiness in case you are impacted.

The protection of yourself, friends, family, and your personal property is always of the greatest importance. *Wildfires can change suddenly and spread extremely quickly, especially for those living in or near the Wilderness/Urban Interface (WUI) or transition zones to open space. Evacuation orders can come quickly, and you may only have minutes to leave your home location.* The following is information and resources to inform and prepare for this ongoing threat.

Wildfire continued on page 3



IF YOU ARE UNDER A WILDFIRE WARNING, GET TO SAFETY RIGHT AWAY

- Leave if told to do so.
- Listen for emergency information and alerts.
- If trapped, call 911.
- Use an N95 mask to keep particles out of the air you breathe.

Sierra Club Endorses Biden Reelection

By Ben Jealous, Sierra Club Executive Director



After consulting with more than 50 chapters and groups, and with the advice and consent of our national board, the Sierra Club has decided to endorse President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris for another term in office.

On June 14, we joined the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) Action Fund, NextGen PAC, and NRDC Action Fund – to collectively endorse President Biden as he spoke at LCV's 2023 Capital Dinner. This is the first time the four groups have ever jointly announced a presidential endorsement.

Biden continued on page 16

Call for Executive Committee Nominations



The Sierra Club San Diego Nominating Committee is seeking Chapter members to run for the Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) in the 2023 Election. The committee seeks a diverse pool of candidates, balanced in terms of gender, ethnicity, and geography. The Sierra Club San Diego membership will elect two (2) Executive Committee members in 2023. The two candidates receiving the highest vote will be elected to three-year terms. **Nominations are Due July 31, 2023.**

The candidate questionnaire is available at <http://sandigosierraclub.org> or by emailing scoffice@sierrasd.org. For more information, please contact the Nominating Committee at NominationsCommittee@sierrasd.org.

ExCom continued on page 7

Explore, Enjoy and Protect the Planet

HiSIERRAN

Explore, Enjoy and Protect the Planet

Sierra Club San Diego Chapter

8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. #101
San Diego, CA 92111
(858) 569-6005

Managing Editor

Judy Thomas (619) 462-5168
thomascreative2@cox.net

Creative Director

Scott Thomas (619) 462-5168
thomascreative2@cox.net
www.thomascreative.com

Advertising

thomascreative@cox.net

Meetings and Activities

www.sandiegosierraclub.org

July/August/September 2023

USPS - 896140

The Hi Sierran is published quarterly by the
San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club,
8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. #101,
San Diego, CA 92111,
for members in San Diego
and Imperial counties.

Periodicals Postage Paid at San Diego, CA.

Postmaster: Send address changes to Hi
Sierran, Sierra Club Member Services P.O.
Box 421041

Palm Coast, FL 32142-6417

Address Correction?

Send your current mailing label and
your correct address to:

Sierra Club

2101 Webster St Ste 1300

Oakland CA 94612

or call Membership Services at

415-977-5653, Monday - Friday

between 9 am and 5 pm, Pacific Time.

Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.

© Copyright 2023 Sierra Club San Diego, CA (Hi Sierran Newsletter). All rights reserved. Federal copyright law prohibits unauthorized reproduction by any means without proper consent and imposes fines up to \$30,000 for violation. For permission to reproduce or use any material from the Hi Sierran Newsletter, please email info@thomascreative.com and explain usage. Thank you.



Lisa Ross

There are many rewards accompanying the responsibilities of Chair and Director of San Diego's largest and oldest environmental organization.

But none beats the announcement I get to make on behalf of Richard Miller and our Executive Committee in this edition of the High Sierran.

Our Chapter has received an unrestricted \$4 million bequest from the Mary Susan Curry Estate. This extraordinary donation puts us on a firm financial footing that will ensure and deepen our ability to protect San Diego's unique habitat, promote significant climate action and promote environmental justice well into the future.

The bequest is the largest unrestricted donation to a California Sierra Club chapter and among the highest to any chapter nationally.

Mary and her husband Walter were Life Members of the club since the early 1960's who loved the outdoors and in particular Sierra Club outings. We will be forever grateful for their loyal membership and legacy.

With this bequest, we will be able to at last rebuild our beloved Foster Lodge in Mt. Laguna after it was destroyed in the 2013 Chariot fire, put significant resources into building a South Bay Sierra Club Group, and increase our involvement in ensuring proper management of the Salton Sea and Colorado River.

Foster Lodge, which was a cabin and lodge before the fire, was donated by the original owners soon after the founding of the San Diego Chapter. Renovated in the 1970's, it was named for Chapters first Chair, Ivy Foster and her husband Loris. It is fitting to use a portion of the Curry's extraordinary gift to begin returning Foster Lodge to full use in this, our 75th Anniversary year.

Developing a fully functioning South Bay Group focused on the protecting the bay, Tijuana River Valley and the Otay River Watershed has long been a goal of our Chapter. We will now be able to shift into high gear organizing volunteers and expanding our outings program in this important region.

And finally, we will be able to devote attention to the complex issues in the Imperial Valley and the Salton Sea.

The announcement was made by an exuberant Chapter Director Richard Miller at the regular meeting of the Chapter's Executive Committee. Richard had been quietly working with our attorneys at National Sierra Club to finalize the estate distribution for several years. To say he knows how to hold on to a secret is no exaggeration.

The Executive Committee has appointed a five-member Strategic Financial Planning Task Force to work with financial officers from the National Sierra Club organization on a plan that will maximize the impact of the new fund in accordance with Sierra Club values.

For those thinking about including San Diego Sierra Club in their estate planning, Sierra Club offers a comprehensive guide at <https://myplan.sierraclub.org/>. And, be sure to contact Richard Miller richard.miller@sierraclub.org in our San Diego office for guidance on directed giving to the San Diego Chapter.

**Best regards to all as we celebrate
this very special year in the life of
the San Diego Sierra Club Chapter.**

We are here to stay.

Stay Green.

Evacuation Orders

Please heed all evacuation warnings and orders. These are driven by specific County and can change at any time. County and State emergency information and notifications are likely to be distributed by a combination of TV, radio, internet, and mass mobile texts.

Health and Safety

Air quality may impact personal health, especially those with respiratory issues. Reducing time outside, outdoor exercise, and managing home air quality is important during wildfires. Aggravated respiratory issues may increase susceptibility to COVID-19 infection and severity. Stocking up on prescription and other medication and treatment necessities related to respiratory needs will add to your preparation. Active monitoring of the current Air Quality Index will help inform activity and behavior appropriate for conditions. Keep first aid and general medication supplies on hand to manage possible pharmacy access or service interruptions.

You can be better prepared for wildfire smoke by keeping N95/KN95 rated masks in your personal preparedness kits to help alleviate health impacts and respiratory issues related to wildfire smoke.

Preparedness

Preparedness is key to best be prepared during natural disasters.

Go Bag. Keep a bag of essentials pre-packed and ready to go in case you need to leave suddenly. A suitcase/duffle bag including medications, clothing, drinking water, valuables, flashlights and spare personal and emergency supplies, warm and protective gear, food and supplies that will support you and your family for a few days is an essential practice for preparing to an evacuation order that may come suddenly, anytime day or night.

Vehicles. Keep your vehicle fueled with at least a half tank of gas and pre-packed with supplies, clothes, equipment, drinking water and non-perishable food and gear for you to leave quickly in case you need to evacuate your home or area.

Plan. Make an evacuation plan. Plan multiple alternative routes to safety in multiple directions - normal routes may be delayed or closed. Pre-arrange accommodation with friends, family, or potential hotels, etc as nearby resources may fill up quickly or be unavailable. Account for friends and family, practical timelines, as well as cognitive and mobility conditions within your family group that could add to your immediate planning needs and accommodation.

Pets. Take time to manage and care for pets during this uncertain time, and/or find alternative caring options for pets.

Power Outages. Be prepared for power outages, utilities will be managing power sources and distribution differently during their disaster response. Have alternatives ready for your home and in case of evacuation.

Here is a good resources to help you prepare and be ready in case of an emergency: www.ready.gov/wildfires

Getting 100% Renewable Energy for Your Home is here!

By Dr. Peter Andersen

For many years Sierra Club has lobbied and fought for affordable clean energy alternatives to SDGE here in San Diego County. This vision is now a reality; two Community Choice Aggregators now supply renewable energy to most of San Diego County. Renewable power comes from solar, wind, geothermal, and other renewable resources. SDGE still transmits the power but the power is generated from renewable power sources.

During the past years the larger of these two nonprofit companies, San Diego Community Power, has been providing renewable power to the City of San Diego, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Encinitas, and Imperial Beach. If you live in one of these cities you are already getting your electricity from renewable resources provided by San Diego Community Power. This spring the vast unincorporated county of San Diego as well as National City will also be switched to renewable electricity provided by San Diego Community Power.

The residents living in the communities served by San Diego Community Power automatically are switched to a program offering 50% renewable energy. Residents can opt out and switch back to SDGE but only a few percent chose that option. Even better, companies and residents can also choose to opt up to Power100 that provides 100% clean energy for a nominal increase in rates that works out to about the same cost as a latte. Organizations like the San Diego Padres and Illumina as well as thousands of residents have opted for Power100 that provides all your electricity from renewable sources.

Home energy is one of the two primary sources of greenhouse gas that is causing devastating climate change. In the past two decades, major wildfires have ravaged San Diego County with increasing frequency. Of the 20 largest wildfires in our state's history, nine have occurred in the last two years, burning more than 7.3 million acres and resulting in dozens of lives lost and thousands of homes burned. Additionally, drought, storms, floods, and sea rise make this one of the largest challenges humans have faced.

Thus, we urge Sierrans and all environmentalists to upgrade to Power100 so you get all your electricity from renewable sources and do not contribute to climate change. For pennies more you can make a major difference in our environment. Future generations of San Diegans deserve clean air and the climate we enjoy. Providing residents with clean energy to slow the effects of climate change protect these resources for our children and grandchildren while setting an example for the rest of the country and the rest of the world.

Organized as a community-driven, not-for-profit agency that is responsible to its communities, San Diego Community Power represents residents' interests with local control over

Renewable continued on page 11

Seal Society Growing In Outreach and Recognition

By Ellen Shively, San Diego Sierra Club Seal Society and Students from UCSD

Because of our frequent presence at the beach and in the media, we are recognized as a group that cares and makes a difference. With caring, versatility and reaching out to like-minded individuals and groups, we have and continue to have remarkable outcomes in our goals for more coherent policies concerning our local pinniped habitat in La Jolla. Let me just tell you some of our recent efforts:

One of our docents took a month-long course in ocean dynamics and brought back a plethora of new information. According to NOAA, males don't begin holding territories until they are 9-12 years old. Another docent talked to an experienced naturalist who explained that adult sharks will prey on seals and sea lions in far deeper waters than at our shoreline, and that juvenile sharks eat only fish until a certain stage of maturity. Some of the docents are very good with IT and research questions or claims which may be true or not. Another wrote a beautifully illustrated book describing how a child shared information about an injured seal in need and organized her classmates to write to the proper officials for help. The book was taken to another country by one of us to distribute to the leaders of another organization similar to ours.

We have collaborated with another environmental group to investigate the possible harmful effects of chemical spraying into a Marine Protected Area next to the Cove when birds are in their nesting and reproductive season. This information was shared with the proper responsible agency to determine if modifications are in order. Another member of our group has a law background and helped us speak out about the effects of fireworks during the 4th of July on young pinnipeds in particular.

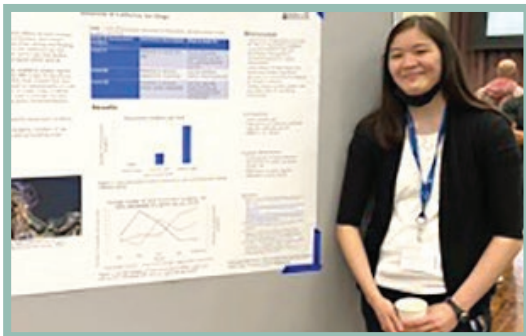
Several months ago, we contacted UCSD which has a program in marine studies. We asked if there was a possibility that members would be interested in taking some of the data we have collected and put it into a useable form to better understand the influences of human actions on our local marine mammal population.

Three of the seniors completed their projects and are included here with their conclusions:

Valerie Lee

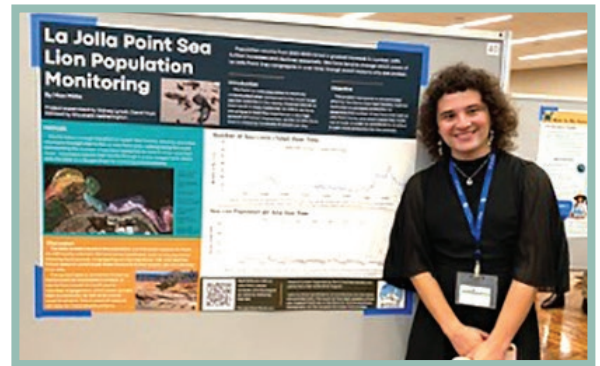
I am a fourth year Environmental Systems (ESYS) major with a concentration in ecology, behavior, and evolution at UCSD. This photo was of my poster presentation that

was presented at the ESYS Symposium at UCSD for my final project. I did my senior project with the Sierra Club Seal Society where I looked at classifying harassment incidents of sea lions at Point La



Jolla and surrounding areas. As there are no universal methods in identifying harassment incidents, I used the Marine Mammal Protection Act as a guideline to create a classification system to identify harassment incidents which was used to collect data at Point La Jolla. Numbers of sea lions and people were also quantified to compare with harassment incidents. I believe that this project laid a good foundation for classifying harassment incidents and for the continuation of future data collection at Point La Jolla. This data is important as it can support policy recommendations on how to best manage harassment at Point La Jolla. This project was a good experience as I got to do a bit of literature reviews, creation of methods, data collection and data analysis. I really enjoyed studying interactions between humans and sea lions, and I look forward to continuing my studies on human interactions with the environment in grad school.

Massimo Millis

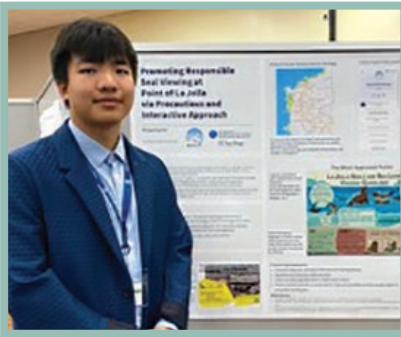


Like Valerie, I am also a UCSD graduating senior with an Environmental Systems major and a concentration in Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution. The photo above displays my poster, in which I presented my project on monitoring La Jolla's sea lion population. The key data shown are the timelines I produced, tracking the population from November 2021 to May 2023. One graph follows the up and down trends in the population over time, and the other portrays how the sea lions prefer to inhabit different parts of La Jolla Point at different times. My hope is that this information can be used to inform policy decisions about closures of areas around Point La Jolla so that humans and sea lions can better coexist and share the space so that people can still enjoy wildlife at a safe distance.

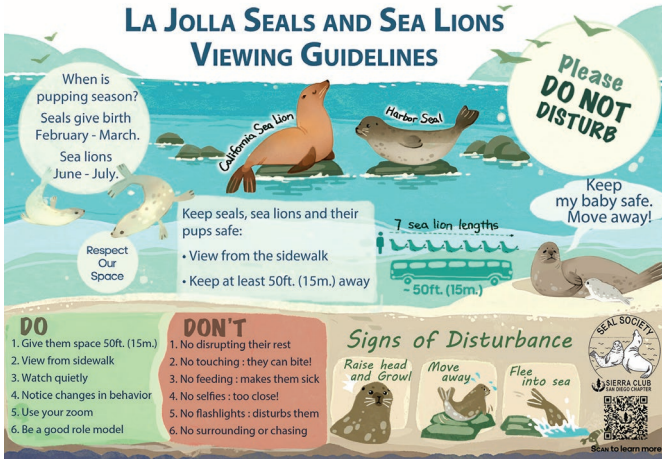
I have always had a passion and an interest in conservation and wildlife of all forms, but I had not had much experience before this opportunity. I was able to confirm my desire to work with animals in the future, especially in the form of field work, which I enjoy most. For my next steps, I intend to gain more experience and find work for a few years in research positions, hopefully with a large field work component, and potentially even another surveying/monitoring position, before eventually furthering my education by attending grad school.

Seals continued on page 5

Mingguang Xue



Hi, I'm a third-year student majoring in environmental policy in the Environmental System Program. The poster I am presenting is about my experience working with the Sierra Club Seal Society to promote responsible viewing of seals and sea lions at La Jolla Cove



through a public educational approach. For this project, we utilize various mediums such as posters, infographics, videos, and popular marine education writings to deliver the central message of maintaining a respectful distance, 50ft, from seals and sea lions, especially during the pupping season. QR code is used

to expand accessibility. A Linktree platform is used as a centralized hub to showcase educational content, including viewing guidelines, scientific rationale, and interactive systems. It will be an ongoing project.

I grew up in Kunming, Yunnan, an inland border province in China, which is known for its biodiversity. My semi-naturalist passion originates from mountains and lakes and soon expands to the sea, even though I never had many experiences with the sea before studying marine biology in SD. This passion then give rise to a sense of responsibility, and for this reason, I double majored in environmental policy.

I am about to graduate, and time seems slowing down allowing me to think more about my future direction. Currently, I'm going through a transition to molecular biology study. Hopefully, as I'm learning I can find questions to ask for my future research.

Of course, we always welcome interested applicants in our docent program to carry out our very rewarding work on behalf of the

two major pinniped representatives at Children's Pool and Point La Jolla. *In the midst of all of our efforts, we have managed to come up with our new logo to include sea lions. It took a real group effort, and we are proud of our expanded role as reflected in the design.*



Please visit us on the San Diego Chapter's website or email scsealsociety@gmail.com

We usually offer an orientation to the program on weekends.

Zeroing in on Zero Waste - Your Questions Answered

San Diego Sierra Club Zero Waste Subcommittee

In this issue of the HiSierran, we'll answer two questions submitted by Sierra Club members, provide information on the City of San Diego's Polystyrene Foam Ban and Single Use Plastics Ordinance, and give an update on the United Nation's International Day of Zero Waste. Please email your questions about zero waste and related issues to zerowastesdsc@gmail.com and we will answer them in future issues of the HiSierran. Zero Waste Subcommittee meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. If you would like to attend or join the subcommittee, please send an email to zerowastesdsc@gmail.com.

Questions from Sierra Club Members

Sierra Club member Lisa Kaczmarczyk asks "What is the best way to recycle a major household appliance, such as a dishwasher?" If you are looking to recycle, repair, donate or properly dispose of an item, a great resource is <https://wastefreesd.org/>. Many haulers offer a bulky item pickup service with the cost and frequency varying across the County. In the future, the City of San Diego



may add bulky item pickup as part of the implementation of Ballot Measure B.

Another Sierra Club member writes "Just read e-cig article in April/ May/ June HiSierran issue. Where can we dispose of e-cigs? I have a bunch I confiscated from my teen daughter." E-cigs and vaping devices are considered hazardous waste. Information on the disposal of household hazardous wastes in San Diego County can be found at: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/recycling/hhw.html>

City of San Diego's Polystyrene Foam Ban and Single Use Plastics Ordinance

The City of San Diego's Polystyrene Foam Ban and Single Use Plastics Ordinance went into effect on April 1, 2023. The ordinance prohibits businesses from selling and distributing food service ware, egg cartons and food trays made in whole or in part from polystyrene foam. This includes bowls, plates, trays, cups, lids and other similar items designed for one-time use for prepared foods, including containers for dine-in, takeout food and leftovers. The ordinance also requires that single-use plastics, such as utensils or straws, be provided to the customer on demand instead of receiving them with every food order.

Zero Waste continued on page 6

If restaurants you frequent in the City of San Diego violate the ordinance, please gently remind them that there is now a ban on polystyrene food containers and that to-go utensils and straws must only be provided when they are requested by the customer.

United Nation's International Day of Zero Waste

Our very own Zero Waste Subcommittee member, Rick Anthony, was invited to attend the United Nations International Day of Zero Waste. Here is his first-person account:

As chair of the Zero Waste International Alliance (<https://zwia.org>) planning board, I got a message via ZWIA.org from the United Nations General Assembly high level committee on climate and sustainability. They requested that I come to speak as a representative of the ZWIA in New York to the UN General Assembly about climate and sustainability and what needs to be done (www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXk1047o1Dk).

This was an incredible opportunity to let the world know about the ZWIA and our 25 national and organizational affiliates. ZWIA is a global organization with a vision of a just world of vibrant, resilient, Zero Waste communities, in harmony with nature and a mission to work together as a global community to drive systemic change towards Zero Waste using environmental and social justice principles.

And so, we booked tickets and flew to New York for the March 30th event. This date was declared International Day of Zero Waste by the United Nations at the request of First Lady of Türkiye, Emine Erdoğan, with the resolution of support signed by 150 delegates (<https://www.un.org/en/observances/zero-waste-day>). We really didn't know what to expect at this meeting. We found a hotel near the UN and had dinner in the neighborhood.

The next day we were ushered into the assembly hall where we were seated for the morning session which included the UN Secretary General, the wife of the President of Türkiye, and a couple official UN representees from the environmental, climate and sustainability programs. Next was a set of testimonials from nations. We counted 35 countries that got up and had up to five minutes to express their feelings about an International Zero Waste Day. From the First Lady of Türkiye, and the Secretary General on down they all supported Zero Waste and referred to a circular economy and the three R's.

In the afternoon, the second session began with our panel. Our host was François Jackman, the representative of Barbados and he introduced the panel. The first speaker, Selwin Hart, was from the UN Environmental Program who spoke about the state of the planet and had a very negative outlook based on what was happening globally in terms of climate and sustainability.

I was next. ZWIA is an organization that is talking about how to shape local communities and businesses for sustainability and survival. We realized as more and more groups came to us and asked for certification for Zero Waste operations, we needed to have a definition in which we all could agree and have standards that needed to be met. The first internationally peer-reviewed definition of Zero Waste was drafted about 10 years ago. It has since been updated and revised with input from Zero Waste organizations from around the world:

Zero Waste: The conservation of all resources by means of responsible production, consumption, reuse, and recovery of products,

packaging, and materials without burning and with no discharges to land, water, or air that threaten the environment or human health.

I went over our nine points of program focus:

- *Equity among our profession and our projects.*
- *Banning wasteful products that don't have an end of life plan other than into the land or air or water; we want producers to be responsible and redesign their products so they can be either recyclable or compostable, or they have to take them back. And they need to be responsible for the mess they've made in the past in terms of our rivers and lakes and oceans with their discards.*
- *Required sorting, for technical materials that are recyclable, organic and durable goods.*
- *The organic stream and capture edible food, sending the other organic materials for composting and soil enrichment to grow food for our communities.*
- *A repair economy where the industries that produce products must make them repairable and reusable and they must provide manuals that will basically allow us to fix our own materials.*
- *Transforming our infrastructure and making sure it encourages Zero Waste, taking down the incinerators and getting the organics out of the landfills. These areas can be transformed into resource recovery parks where we put the composting facility as well as an area for people who bring in their own materials to reuse and recycle.*
- *Elimination of depletion allowances for companies and organizations that are exploiting global finite resources like rain forests and oil fields.*
- *Educating our elected officials on how we feel and how we're going to get there.*
- *Sticking to our programs when we deal with things like pandemics.*

After I spoke, Aditi Varshneya from GAIA (www.no-burn.org/) spoke about their international organization that works against burning and for Zero Waste. She represents a network of 800 organizations across the world. The fourth speaker was Joshua Amponsem, founder of Green Africa Youth Organization and a UN Climate Specialist, and the last speaker was Kathryn Kellogg who has a Zero Waste blog - <https://www.goingzerowaste.com/>, practices a zero waste lifestyle, and produces less than a baggie of waste per year.

After the panel, the testimonials continued. We sat in the audience listening to presentations from over 30 countries. Again, the support for Zero Waste, circular economy, and reduce, reuse, recycle was heralded. The bottom line is they all believed Zero Waste is a good idea.

The next step is to send a petition to the UN to adopt the internationally peer-reviewed definition so when businesses and communities use the term Zero Waste, they have a global standard in sync with the Zero Waste movement around the world.

We really appreciated the opportunity to represent our Zero Waste community and we look to the future moving together to make changes in managing resources that work towards sustainability and making a positive impact on the climate.

UN Zero Waste Panel from left to right: Richard Anthony, Joshua Amponsem, Kathryn Kellogg, François Jackman, Aditi Varshneya and Selwin Hart

The ideal candidate for the San Diego Chapter Executive Committee is an experienced, effective leader who has a clear vision for the Chapter's future and a proven capacity to work with people to achieve goals and resolve problems. The Nominating Committee will contact potential candidates and will send a questionnaire to those who request one. After reviewing returned questionnaires, the Nominating Committee will select applicants for interviews. To be considered for an interview, candidates must return completed questionnaires to the Nominating Committee by July 31, 2023. The Nominating Committee will announce its candidates at the August 9, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. In addition to the nomination process, the Club bylaws allow candidates to qualify for the ballot by a petition process, as specified in the bylaws. Petitions are available by emailing scoffice@sierrasd.org.

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

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

- Dedicated to the purposes and goals of the Sierra Club
- Able and willing to accept the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of an Executive Committee member
- Able to listen and communicate effectively and work in a team environment
- Able and willing to dedicate sufficient personal time to Executive Committee duties
- Able to think and plan strategically and politically
- Willing to become knowledgeable about environmental and political issues
- Willing to become knowledgeable about the structure and operations of the Chapter
- Able to demonstrate leadership experience
- Able and willing to deal with the broad range of issues that come before the Executive Committee
- Able to demonstrate a history of commitment to the principles and values of the Sierra Club or a history of commitment to environmental and social justice issues

The San Diego Chapter Executive Committee is a working board. All members are expected to devote sufficient time, energy, and creativity to projects and commitments and to carry them through to their successful conclusion.

All Executive Committee members are expected to:

- Prepare for and attend monthly meetings each year
- Participate in conference calls when needed
- Communicate regularly via e-mail
- Participate in other meetings on behalf of the Executive Committee or the Chapter

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

North County Group (NCG) and Preserve Wild Poway (PWP) Meeting



On June 1st, the North County Group (NCG) and Preserve Wild Poway (PWP) hosted a joint member meeting with 28 attendees. PWP is a group formed around pushing back against developers who build on open spaces and defy the rules of habitat conservation. Arriving at the Poway VFW meeting hall, attendees were inspired by a room which had been transformed into a nature preserve with large photographic posters on every wall showing the beauty that the groups were there to protect. Richard Miller, Sierra Club San Diego Chapter Director, opened the meeting welcoming both groups and thanking PWP for helping to bring us together.

Jeff Schmidt, a driving force behind PWP walked us through the Habitat Conservation Plan in Poway. Using maps, some history of the plan, examples of protected and endangered species, and bad development projects, Jeff explained how his understanding of the issues have evolved the deeper he dug. It was a moving presentation, and PWP and Sierra Club members alike were clearly on the same page that working together to continue to push back against largely unchecked developers is needed.

Pam Heatherington, former Chair for the Sierra Club NCG, gave an overview of work Sierra Club is doing. Pam described the history of Sierra Club, how the groups and chapter work together, and explained the current committees and their campaigns. Pam also highlighted Sierra Club's work to challenge developments, using Harvest Hills as an example.

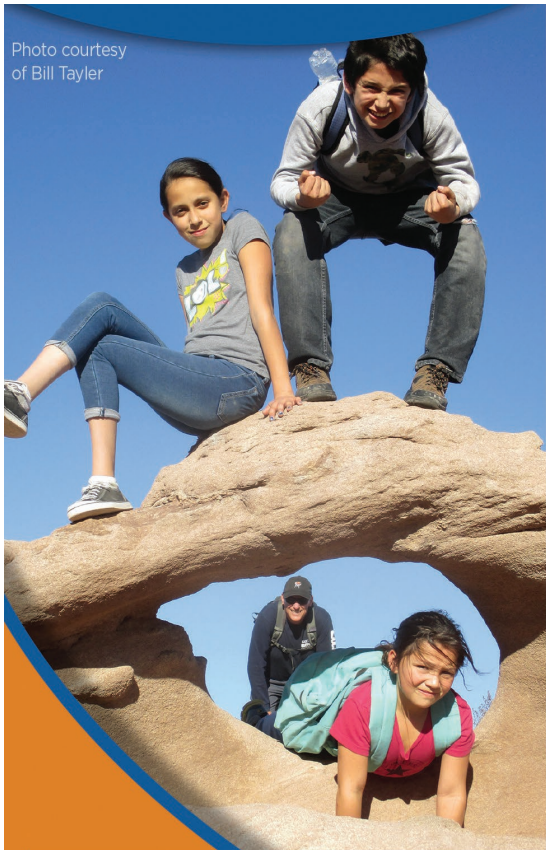
Karl Aldinger, conservation organizer for Sierra Club San Diego, spoke about the need for a conspicuously missing Poway Climate Action Plan (CAP) to help guide the city and the community towards lower emissions. He covered some of the ways that CAPs can give the group leverage to press for more thoughtful development and ensure everyone's moving in the same direction to conserve the environment. Some in the audience were not only aware, but had already begun the efforts to encourage the city to craft a plan.

The two groups then had a discussion about the evenings' topics, talked of ways they had been successful and not as successful, and gave suggestions about how they can work together going forward. It was a great event and a fantastic example of how coalition building can result in greater strength. Thank you to Deb Schmidt, Lori Grennan, Joe Houde, all of the volunteers from both groups who helped host, and all of the community members who made it a fantastic meeting. We look forward to future action and collaboration.

If you would like to help with our work in Poway and be notified of future meetings, please write to me,

*Karl Aldinger
karl.aldinger@sierreclub.org*

Photo courtesy
of Bill Tayler



Do you have a story to tell?

In September 1948 the Sierra Club Board of Directors approved a petition signed by 53 members to establish the San Diego Chapter. The San Diego Chapter was the 5th Chapter that the Club had created. There are now 65 Chapters nationwide and the Territory of Puerto Rico. That means a long history of events, highs and lows, successes, setbacks, outings, activities, celebrations, awards, and the list goes on.

Unfortunately, there is no one place where the history of the Chapter is available. So, we need your help. Do you have a story to tell?

Old photos, records, or documents? If you would like to help us to highlight the important events or just daily life in the Chapter's history, then tell us your story!



**SIERRA
CLUB**

SAN DIEGO
CHAPTER

San Diego Chapter
Sierra Club
8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Ste. 101
San Diego, CA. 92111
858-569-6005 • scoffice@sierrasd.org

SAVE THE DATE

CHAPTER TO CELEBRATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, October 1, 2023

San Dieguito County Park

Located just a short distance from the
Pacific Ocean in beautiful Del Mar

JOIN US FOR A GRAND CELEBRATION

Help us celebrate 75 years of
environmental achievements!

Join us for:

- Hikes and Demonstrations
- Music
- Great food
- Historical Displays
- Special Guests and Speakers

Watch for more information and
on the web at

<http://sandigosierraclub.org>

or contact the office at
scoffice@sierrasd.org

or call the office at
858-569-6005.

Families and
Children Welcome



Best Ways To Preserve Nature While Hiking

Going for a hike can be a wonderful way to get some physical exercise and clear your head. In fact, hiking is one of the best outdoor activities that you can do for both your physical and mental health. More than 40 million people each year go hiking in order to stay healthy and spend some quality time outdoors in nature. But, all of those people hiking can put a big strain on the natural world. Hikers should be doing everything they can to preserve nature when they're hiking and not damage it. The best things that you can do to preserve nature when you're hiking are:

Don't Trash It

When you're hiking you should never leave your trash behind, but you'd be surprised at how many hikers do. Clean up any water bottles, food wrappers, or other trash and pack it up so that you can take it with you and dispose of it the right way. Never leave trash behind when you're hiking. Trash destroys the environment and can hurt the animals that live in that area.

Use and Reuse

Whenever possible you should use a refillable water bottle and reusable food packaging when you're hiking. A large refillable water bottle is the perfect thing to bring with you on a hike. And you can safely pack snacks and food in reusable containers or in small canvas sacks that can be washed and reused. You can easily make your own food containers that you can reuse to cut down on the amount of trash that is generated.

Take Photos, Not Things

Smart phones today have incredible cameras that can take really stunning photos. So instead of taking home wildflowers, leaves, or other pretty or interesting things that you find on your hike use your smartphone to take photos of them. Keep the photos, leave the actual items. If everyone who hiked took physical items home with them there would soon be nothing left in that area.

Leave The Animals Alone

When you're hiking you may come across some of the animals who live in that area. It's fun to see animals like rabbits, foxes, deer, and others when you're hiking but remember these are wild animals. Don't ever approach them or try to get them to approach you. Don't use your food to try and lure them either. Food made for humans is bad for animals and it could make them sick or even kill them. You can take photos of the animals if they stay in one spot long enough but never approach them or bother them.

No Shortcuts

When you're hiking you should always stay on the trail that is marked. Creating your own trails or shortcuts can get you lost and it can really damage the environment in that area.

If you're creating your own trails you could end up ripping out plants, killing grass, and scaring animals away from their nests and dens. If everyone created their own trails and shortcuts soon the local ecosystem would start to die out. Stay on the trails that are provided for hikers.

Additional Resources:

San Diego Sierra Club Activities Calendar

<http://sandiegosierraclub.org/news/activities-calendar/>

Check Out The SDSC Wilderness Basics Course:

<http://sandiegosierraclub.org/learn/wilderness-basics-course/>



"This article was provided by www.personalinjury-law.com, an organization dedicated to providing the public with information about personal injury and safety information. Nothing in this article should be construed as legal advice, and it is intended for informational use only.

Call for Nominations

The Sierra Club North County Coastal Group (Coasters) is a part of the San Diego Chapter and covers coastal communities from Del Mar to Oceanside.



The great thing about the Sierra Club is it is one of the few environmental organizations where the priorities and activities are driven by the volunteers. The Coasters are a small, welcoming group that is currently focused on local conservation and land use issues, political endorsements, environmental education and working with our partners to enact positive change for the environment in our local communities.

We have an Executive Committee that meets monthly and is responsible for organizing our Group's activities and volunteers and to ensure that our activities are consistent with the Chapter and National Sierra Club. Being a member of the ExCom is an excellent way to learn more about our local environmental issues and to meet like-minded people who want to work together on behalf of our environment. We will be holding elections this Fall to fill 4 spaces on our Executive Committee. If you would like to submit a name for consideration by the Nominating Committee, or would like more information, contact Sally Prendergast at sallyp123@mac.com.

Names must be submitted by

August 11th, 2023.

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

The North County Coastal Group comprises the zip codes of:

92007 - Cardiff, 92008 - Carlsbad, 92009 - Carlsbad, 92010 - Carlsbad, 92011 - Carlsbad, 92013 - Carlsbad PO Box, 92018 - Carlsbad PO Box, 92014 - Del Mar, 92023 - Encinitas - PO Box, 92024 - Encinitas, 92054 - Oceanside, 92055 - Oceanside, 92056 - Oceanside, 92057 - Oceanside, 92049 Oceanside PO Box, 92051 - Oceanside PO Box, 92052 - Oceanside PO Box, 92067 - Rancho Santa Fe PO Box, 92075 - Solana Beach, 92091 - Rancho Santa Fe.

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

For more information go to
<http://sandigosierraclub.org/get-involved/coastal/>

Get Active! Become A Candidate for Our Executive Committee



The Sierra Club North County Group is seeking members to run for the North County Executive Committee (NCG ExCom) in the 2023 Election. The committee seeks a diverse pool of candidates, balanced in terms of gender, ethnicity, from the North County area.

The North County Group membership will elect three (3) Executive Committee members in 2023. The Group Executive Committee has overall responsibility to assure that the activities and services provided for the members are consistent with the bylaws, rules, and policies of the Chapter and National Sierra Club. These activities may include outings, membership services, financial management, conservation and political programs. The Executive Committee meets monthly and attendance is expected. If you would like to submit a name for consideration, or would like more information, contact the Nominating Committee at info@sierraclubncg.org. Nominations are due by July 31, 2023.

The North County Group includes the following cities and zip codes.

Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Oceanside zip code 92058, Pala, Palomar Mtn., Pauma Valley, Poway, Ramona, San Diego zip codes 92127, 92128 & 92198, San Marcos, Santa Ysabel, Vista, and Valley Center.

Congressman Levin to be Featured Speaker at Quarterly Meeting

North County Coastal Group Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, August 23rd

7:00 to 8:30 pm

Encinitas Community and Senior Center

1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas 92024

CA 49 Representative Mike Levin will be featured at the next Coaster Quarterly meeting on Wednesday, August 23 starting at 7 pm. He is expected to provide updates on several local issues including the train tracks on Del Mar Bluffs, San Onofre nuclear waste, sea level rise and a summary on the latest DC developments.

Contact Sally Prendergast for more information (760-525-5156) or Harold Standerfer (909-239-7522)

Everyone welcome!

Let's Go San Diego!

By David Grubb

The 2021 Regional Plan includes a number of Transit and Active Transportation projects that are supported by the Sierra Club because they will reduce greenhouse gas emissions while improving the quality of life in the region. An efficient and effective transit system makes life better for everyone, even people who never ride it. Taking some cars off the road reduces congestion for people who need or choose to drive. A good transportation system of roads, transit, and bikeways connects people to opportunities and supports thriving communities.

Transit is a good investment. Every dollar of local funding brings over \$2.40 of state and federal funds into the local economy. Creating opportunities for all expands economic activity, further boosting local prosperity.

The trick is how to raise the local funds that drive the economic engine. We now have a great opportunity to do that. A citizens group, with backing from several labor unions, has filed a ballot initiative to raise funds to support the Regional Plan. Since it is a citizens initiative, it

only require 50% + 1 to pass, instead of the usual 2/3 required for government initiatives. The Sierra Club San Diego Chapter has decided to join the many environmental, social justice, and labor organizations that will be working to qualify the initiative. Getting this measure on the ballot will require getting more than 150,000 signatures by November 22.

Here are ways that you can help this effort succeed:

1. Sign the petition. Volunteers and professionals will be gathering signatures in public locations and at events. Sign the one titled "MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SAFETY PROJECTS THROUGH A HALF-CENT SALES TAX".
2. Collect signatures from your friends, family, neighbors, and contacts. You can pick up a petition pack at the Sierra Club office.
3. Attend a training event on how to collect signatures correctly so they will be counted. Training sessions will be announced in Sierra Club San Diego news emails.

For more information, see <https://www.letsgosd.org/>

Renewable continued from page 3

electricity choices. It gives San Diegans both higher amounts of clean energy and lower rates than electricity service offered by SDGE, a for-profit, investor-owned company. San Diego Community Power (SDCP) is committed to providing cleaner energy at competitive rates, supporting local economic development, creating jobs, and reinvesting revenues in the communities it serves with equitable, sustainable programs.

As the second largest CCA in California, SDCP joins 24 other successful programs throughout the state that are reforming power procurement with transparency, accountability, and reliability. With unincorporated areas of San Diego County now a member, SDCP provides service to

approximately one million municipalities, businesses, and residents. Each city is represented on SDCP's Board of Directors and Community Advisory Committee (CAC), so we are all represented and can hold SDCP accountable. All decisions on energy procurement, rates, and reinvestment are made at public open meetings, giving residents a voice.

It is up to us to preserve our region's environment and lead the fight against climate change. We have the power to make a real change with SDCP. This is our opportunity to do something significant and take the lead for the Nation and the World on how to stop climate change.

Dr. Andersen is a retired professor at San Diego State University, member of SDCP's Community Advisory Committee, active volunteer officer of the Sierra Club, and long-term resident of Jamul.

Give Your Vehicle a New Purpose.

Donate Your Vehicle Today!

Help Support the San Diego Chapter

It's never a bad time to donate your car/boat/motorcycle
and you may qualify for a tax deduction!.

 **SIERRA CLUB**
SAN DIEGO CHAPTER



Sierra Club Bus Trips

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

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

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



Save The Date For The Following Tentative Trips: 2023

July 26-30, 2023

Yosemite National Park

Backpack

August 24-27, 2023

Channel Islands

Short backpack, base camp with day hikes

Check The Website For Updates

www.sdsierraclub.org

Like us on Facebook



CST2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. Locations and dates are subject to change due to permit availability.

Inspiring Connections Outdoors



Hands on Herpetology in Laguna Meadows

by Bill Tayler

"Today, kids are aware of the global threats to the environment – but their physical contact, their intimacy with nature, is fading. ... Our society is teaching young people to avoid direct experience in nature. ... Yet, at the very moment that the bond is breaking between the young and the natural world, a growing body of research links our mental, physical, and spiritual health directly to our association with nature." – (Last Child in the Woods, Richard Louv).

There are those who advocate for treating nature like a museum: look but don't touch. That has never been my perspective. The passions of countless field biologists and wildlife conservationist like Jane Goodall and Steve Irwin were first awakened by catching, holding and loving small animals, and that's exactly how it started with me as I roamed the fields and swamps of southern Michigan as a young child. I believe strongly that children today need and deserve that same opportunity. And on several hikes this spring in Laguna Meadows, we had the opportunity to connect kids very directly with nature in the form of some hands-on field herpetology as the wet winter yielded a bounty of different snakes on the crawl. For most of these kids, it was their first time seeing, holding and learning about a snake in its native habitat. I hope it is not their last, and I hope that maybe one or two of them have had a real passion awakened. Wildlife needs that as much as the kids do. "In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand." (Baba Dioum)

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.sandiegosierraclub.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:

San Diego ICO
c/o Mike Gilligan,
3446 N. Mountain View Drive,
San Diego, CA 92116



San Diego Gopher Snake



Striped Racer



California King Snake



Garter snakes

Classified Ads

Treasurer Needed

The San Diego Chapter is looking for a Treasurer.

1. You should be familiar with nonprofit accounting and QuickBooks and be able to spend 12 hours a month.
2. Work well with others and advise the Chapter Finance and Executive Committee.
3. Prepare financial statements, reports, and assist in budgeting.
4. Monitor and evaluate club activities including fundraising and expenditures.
5. Provide and maintain financial records.

For more information, please email scoffice@sierrasd.org or call the office at 858-569-6005.

Classified Ad Rates and Information:

Sierra Club Members (up to 25 words)

Private party \$10 + \$.50 per additional word.

Business \$15 + \$.50 per additional word.

Non-Members (up to 25 words)

Private party \$15 + \$.50 per additional word.

Business \$20 + \$.50 per additional word

Payment must be made at time of submission by check to:

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

Send ad to:

info@thomascreative.com

Save Trees-Opt Out Of The HiSierran Paper Edition

Enjoy The Full Color Online Edition

It is very expensive to mail hard copies of the HiSierran! Would you rather get yours online and help save trees and save money for conservation? We can email you when a new copy is posted online with a link.

We PROMISE we will NOT share your email. If you would like to get the HiSierran online, contact the Chapter office :

858-569-6005 or scoffice@sierrasd.org

Submission Deadlines for HiSierran Newsletter:

If you would like to submit an advertisement, story or article please remember these important deadlines: **Upcoming Issues:**

**October/November/December 2023
Deadline September 1, 2023.**

**To submit by email,
please email to both:**

thomascreative2@cox.net
richard.miller@sierraclub.org

**Submissions are subject to
approval for content and
subject matter.**

I.T. Technicians Wanted

The Chapter does as much as it does because many volunteers donate generous amounts of time to making it all work. We can always use more hands. The Chapter will soon be moving to new office space, and we need IT people to help us in determining what we need, set up our computers, and what other tasks we need to do.

If you can help, contact Richard Miller at 858-569-6005 or richard.miller@sierraclub.org

Like What You Are Reading?

**Support your local Chapter's work
in the San Diego region!**

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200 ☐ Surprise us! \$ _____

Please make your check payable to Sierra Club San Diego or use your credit card.

Please select payment method:

☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Card Number: _____ CVV: _____

Exp. date _____ Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

Contributions to the Sierra Club are not tax-deductible as they support the Sierra Club's effective citizen-based advocacy and lobbying efforts

Return instructions:

**Cut out this form and mail it
with your check to:**



SIERRA CLUB
SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

**8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd,
Ste #101**

**San Diego, California
92111-1315**

Donate online:

<http://sandigosierraclub.org/donate>

Committees & Contact Information

Due to COVID most meetings have moved on-line. Please check our Activities Calendar (<http://sandigosierraclub.org/news/activities-calendar/>) on how you can participate.

CHAPTER STAFF

Chapter Director Richard Miller
858-569-6005
richard.miller@sierraclub.org

Administrative Assistant: Marty Marquez
858-569-6005
martha.marquez@sierraclub.org

Conservation Organizer: Karl Aldinger
karl.aldinger@sierraclub.org

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meets 2nd Wednesday 6:30 pm Chapter office
Contact Chair or check website for location

Chair: Lisa Ross (2023)
lisa@lisaross.com
www.lisaross.com

Vice-Chair: Ron Askeland (2025)
ron.askeland@gmail.com

Secretary: Rochelle Hancock (2024)
Rae_1024@yahoo.com

Interim Treasurer: Rochelle Hancock (2024)
Rae_1024@yahoo.com

North County Coastal Group Rep:
Pam Heatherington
pjheatherington@gmail.com

Susan Baldwin (2025)
susanbaldwin@aol.com

Alan Geraci (2025)
alan@alangeraci.com

Dale Russell (2023)
Dalerussell05@fulbrightmail.org

Agatha Wein (2024)
agathawein@gmail.com

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL GROUP (COASTERS)

Contact Chair or check website for meeting information.

Chair: Sally Prendergast
sallyp123@mac.com

NORTH COUNTY GROUP (INLAND)

Meets 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm currently via Zoom <https://sierraclubncg.org>

Chair: Joe Houde
joe@ecinstitute.com

COMMITTEES

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Meets 2nd Monday at 6:30pm

Chair: Ron Askeland
ronaskeland@gmail.com

Transportation

Meets 3rd Wednesday at 5pm
David Grubb
davidzgrubb@gmail.com

Zero-Waste

Meets 1st Monday at 6:30 pm
Contact the Committee at
zerowastesdsc@gmail.com

SEAL SOCIETY

For meeting and docent information:
Ellen Shively
ellenshively@sbcglobal.net

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meets 4th Thursday at 6:30pm
Chair: Stephanie Peck
sapeck425@gmail.com

OUTINGS COMMITTEE

Meets quarterly, contact Chair for date and location.

Chair: Michael Taylor

Leadership Review & Safety Committee

Chair: Michael Taylor
sd.lrsc@gmail.com

Bus Trips

Mike Fry
mnfry@cox.net

Chapter Outings Leadership Training (COL)

Stefanie Maio
sd.col.training@gmail.com

Pacific Crest Trail

Rob Langsdorf
SDSCPCTS@yahoo.com

WILDERNESS BASICS COURSE (WBC)

Held annually beginning in January

San Diego

Kristi Andersen
info@wildernessbasics.com
www.wildernessbasics.com

Escondido

Kelly Conrad
slpypup@gmail.com
www.wbc.sierraclubncg.org

SECTIONS & SOCIAL COMMITTEES

Bicycle

Call for meeting information. Jerry Fitzsimmons
(858) 224-3437 Membership@sdscls.org
www.sandigosierraclub.org/get-outdoors/bicycle

Photography

<https://sdphotoclub.com>
Alexander Kunz
mail@alex-kunz.com

INSPIRING CONNECTIONS OUTDOORS (ICO)

Check website for meeting information.
www.sandigosierraclub.org

Chair: Bill Tayler,
btayler@taylorlaw.com

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Fundraising/Membership

Richard Miller (858) 569-6005
richard.miller@sierraclub.org

Hi Sierran Newsletter

Managing Editor: Judy Thomas
thomascreative@cox.net

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?



Ensure your environmental legacy by naming Sierra Club or your favorite Sierra Club Chapter in your will or trust. These gifts cost you nothing now. You can hold on to your assets for as long as you need them and you can change your beneficiaries at any time.

If you have named Sierra Club or your Chapter as a beneficiary or would like to discuss doing so, please contact us today

LORI SULLIVAN

Director of Gift Planning
2101 Webster St, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

(800) 932-4270
gift.planning@sierraclub.org
myplan.sierraclub.org





San Diego Chapter

8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. #101

San Diego, CA 92111

On the north side & just west of the 163.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Phone: 858-569-6005

www.sandiegosierraclub.org

Biden continued from page 1

Why President Biden

Starting on day one in the White House, President Biden quickly shifted our country away from the destructive climate-denialism of the Trump era, pursuing an ambitious plan to tackle the climate crisis. America swiftly rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement and our federal agencies went back to work enforcing key climate and environmental protections.

Thanks to President Biden's leadership, Congress passed the most ambitious climate legislation in our nation's history, the Inflation Reduction Act. We are just now beginning to see how his legislative achievements are paying dividends across the country – lead pipes are being replaced, the development of renewable energy is being super-charged, more public lands are being protected, and electric vehicles are being made accessible to more Americans than ever before.

His administration has also worked hard to revitalize our democracy, filling vacancies on the federal judiciary with fair-minded judges who will protect voting rights, ensure equality under the law, and respect the role of government in protecting our environment and combating climate change.

President Biden has acted courageously during a critical inflection point in the climate fight. And while we certainly have strong disagreements with this administration from time to time, we also have to acknowledge that no other administration has done more to move us forward. The stakes could not be higher and the choice could not be more clear. We need President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris back in the White House for another four years.

Why We Endorsed Now

In previous cycles, which have involved contested primary races between

environmental champions, we have waited until the primaries were over to endorse a candidate for President.

Because of this, in 2020, Sierra Club made an endorsement against Trump before officially endorsing President Biden for the general election.

This year the circumstances are different which is why we have decided to move earlier. With President Biden we have an incumbent with an overall strong environmental record running against a field of opponents that are hostile to everything we are fighting for here at the Sierra Club. The choice could not be clearer and there is real danger in waiting to start mobilizing our coalition when we already know that President Biden is the only viable and best choice to make progress in our fight to save the planet.

Looking Ahead

While we are enthusiastic about this endorsement, we will continue to hold this administration accountable when it falls short. Destructive fossil fuel projects like the Willow Project and the Mountain Valley Pipeline must not move forward and any implementation of climate policies must prioritize environmental justice while taking care to avoid the creation of new sacrifice zones. We can battle President Biden hard when we disagree while also recognizing that the totality of his record reflects a leader we can work with to achieve our goals. We have far more to gain with President Biden in office for another term than everything we would lose were one of his opponents to win the election instead. This next election is critical to building our long term power and meeting this critical moment in the climate fight. Because of this and so much more, I believe we have to do everything in our power to return President Biden to the White House.

Check out just some of our Sierra Club products at a great price:

<http://donate.sierrasd.org/products>



Travel Blanket

Price: \$14.95

This fleece travel blanket features the Sierra Club logo and comes in blue, white and red plaid. It features a packing strap when not in use with a convenient carrying strap.

Dimensions: 40" wide x 60" long

Dimensions Rolled: 11" long by 6" in diameter

Color: Blue, White and Red Plaid

Green umbrella with Sierra Club logo. Collapses to 12" making it easy to carry and stow in car, home or backpack. Includes cover sleeve.

What a great way to show your support for the environment.

Price: \$9.95



E-conscious organic/recycled ball cap with John Muir silhouette and Sierra Club San Diego.

Price: \$20.00

Emerald Forest color cap with oyster colored stitching.