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County Climate Action Plan Heading For Board Of Supervisor's Approval

This fall the County Board of Supervisors has a chance to prevent fire and traffic hazards exacerbated by sprawl development that significantly contribute to the Climate Crisis and approve a Smart Growth Climate Action Plan long sought by Sierra Club.

As part of the County's environmental study for the proposed Climate Action Plan (CAP) an option called the Fire Safe and VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) Efficient Alternative is included after extensive input from the public.

The Fire Safe and VMT Efficient Alternative plan would restrict development in high and very high wildfire zones, reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions, lower air pollution, decrease traffic, and preserve wildlands and endangered species. Since Sierra Club's two successful lawsuits concerning prior deficient plans, the County has now acknowledged that we are in a "Climate Emergency" and that we must reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. But, the plan as written can be greatly improved by adopting the smart growth alternative as described in

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Audacious Climate Action Plans

Joe Houde, Chair North County Group



Our climate status is "Code RED for Humanity", according to Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations. Cities and the county of San Diego have all prepared Climate Action Plans (CAPs), except Poway. Yet, every CAP has sub-

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Zeroing in on Zero Waste - Your Questions Answered

San Diego Sierra Club Zero Waste Subcommittee

In this issue of the HiSierran, we'll provide an update on the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District's E-LEAF Program, provide resources for home electrification, review a proposal for a Countywide Waste and Toxic Reduction Disposal Fee and discuss an upcoming campaign opposing synthetic turf. 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.



San Diego APCD E-LEAF Program

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District's Electric Landscape Equipment Assistance Funding (E-LEAF) was a success! All available incentive funding has been exhausted by small landscaping businesses that upgraded their existing commercial gas-powered lawn and garden equipment to cordless, zero-emission electric alternatives.

Home Electrification Resources

Electrify Now and San Diego Learn hosted the Make Your Go Electric! Plan webinar on May 15. During this event, participants learned how to create an electrification plan customized for their home's unique needs. By developing this plan, homeowners can take advantage of new rebates, tax credits, and other programs when upgrading appliances to high-efficiency, all-electric alternatives. The webinar emphasized the importance of transitioning to safer, more efficient electric technologies and provided insights on conducting a home inventory, getting professional energy audits, and avoiding emergency

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Lisa Ross

A Call for 2024 Mobilization

With a half year into 2024, it is time to assess where we are with the priorities set by our San Diego Sierra Club Executive Committee for the year and call on our members to mobilize on behalf of climate action, habitat protection, and environmental justice.

After four successful lawsuits challenging the County's lackluster approach to climate change action, a serious Climate Action Plan may be on the way if the Fire Safe Low VMT Alternative is adopted by the San Diego Board of Supervisors this fall.

Our policy team agrees with the Endangered Habitats League and the Environmental Center of San Diego that while not perfect, this proposed alternative to the plan as written will maximize protection for habitat, diminish threats from catastrophic fires and result in less traffic. You will be hearing from us often for help get this alternative plan over the finishing line.

Just as we are celebrating the acquisition of the 1300-acre Proctor Valley property adjacent to the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve at the heart of 60,000 acres of diverse rare and endangered species, more such areas are in the bulldozer bullseye, threatening further fragmentation of sensitive lands.

Greenhills Ranch in the far reaches of Lakeside is a Biological Resource Core Area, serving as a significant wildlife corridor, and designated by CalFire as a Very High Fire Severity Zone, is a dangerous place for any future inhabitants whether people or wildlife. We will be fighting a proposed General Plan amendment and re-zoning for unaffordable housing there.

The Anza-Borrego Desert continues to be under constant development pressure. One project you will be hearing about is Rams Hill near the golf course where an attempt to develop more unaffordable housing in 1666 acres of dedicated open space is par for the course, but an unacceptable breach of agreements made in the 1970's.

And the most significant project lurking in the shadows is another industrial strength

500KV powerline along what we fear is the formerly rejected Sunrise Powerline route through Anza-Borrego Desert, Palomar Mountain Reserve, the Cleveland National Forest and tribal sacred lands.

While the exact route is in the planning stage undergoing environmental study, property owners in the Palomar Mountain and Anza-Borrego Communities and are understandably alarmed. So should we be. Watch out for the expected "green washing" messaging about bringing renewable energy to the region.

Among the environmental justice issues confronting us this year is a proposed unnecessary East Otay Mesa landfill on private property in the Tijuana River Watershed, another polluting project for South County where dumping bad projects is an historic exercise in environmentally unjust decision-making.

Along with Supervisor Nora Vargas and numerous public officials, Sierra Club is supporting legislation by State Senator Steve Padilla that would prohibit the local water agency from issuing a discharge permit for the proposed landfill. It's going to be a slog because the well-connected property owner stands to make a mint on this foolish project if not stopped.

Finally, there is one proposed project that checks all our priority policy boxes: the City of San Diego's proposed Fairmount Fire Station in the Chollas Creek watershed within the underserved community of Webster.

San Diego Sierra Club teamed with Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek and Canyonlands to demand a full Environmental Impact Study and analysis of this and alternative sites for this \$28 million plus boondoggle where the City wants to build on biologically sensitive lands next to a senior affordable retirement community.

We support the community's efforts to transform the creek watershed into a natural trailhead. Certainly, the City can find a more appropriate and less expensive site for a commercial building.

***Lots to do this year, so stay tuned.
And Stay Green.***

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 2024 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 four (4) Executive Committee members in 2024. 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, 2024.

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.

Community Advisory Committee Volunteers Needed

By Gary Jahns

Encinitas Resident and North County Coastal Group Member

For the past 4 years, I have enjoyed the rewarding experience of being on the Community Advisory Committee of San Diego Community Power. I have found it to be an effective way to put my environmental and climate advocacy to good use. And I want you to know about the opportunities to have a similar gratifying experience.

But let me back up and start by telling you how I came to do this: I had been a Sierra Club member for many years, always renewing my membership but never getting involved in any action. Then one day in 2016 I was invited to a house party about how we could take control of our electrical power generation and get it from clean sources. This was very interesting to me due to my background in energy research, so I went to the party. I learned that our cities could set up a new not-for-profit agency to buy clean electricity, agencies called Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), and Sierra Club was starting city-centric teams to lobby for a local CCA. I was all in. We had a dozen highly committed individuals on our hometown team for Encinitas that, together with our sister teams in Carlsbad and Oceanside, sent emails, left flyers at libraries, and ran a website where we regularly exposed SDG&E's devious campaign of disinformation. Our five years of diligence were rewarded when the two local CCAs, San Diego Community Power (SDCP) and Clean Energy Alliance (CEA), were formed.

Both of our local CCAs are public agencies governed by a Board of Directors made up of officials (mayors, city council members, or a Supervisor in the case of San Diego County). Both CCAs also have Community Advisory Committees (CACs), people from their communities that provide input on the programs and policies of the agency. Committee members are appointed by the Director for their community. Having worked hard to bring our CCA into existence, I wanted to continue my advocacy for clean energy, and so I responded to the request for people willing to serve on the CAC, and Council Member Joe Mosca, the Director for my home town, appointed me to SDCP's CAC.

The work of CAC members is focused on our monthly meeting. It is an official public meeting, open to the public, with an agenda published three days before. We have a good relationship with the

agency staff, so we can request that any items we want are put on the agenda. This is our way of bringing concerns we have heard from our community to the attention of the agency, or simply to get information on an important topic. Before the meeting, we have unofficial online briefings by staff in small groups that help us understand the intricacies of California's complex electrical system. I want to acknowledge here that the CCA staff are the ones doing the heavy lifting of the agency. They are highly professional and experienced experts in the areas of electricity procurement, grid operation, utility administration, public relations, and state legislation and regulation.

At the monthly meeting, agenda items fall into two general categories: presentations of information that we receive, and measures requiring our approval by our vote. One example of an informational item that generated intense discussion was how the staff determines the quality of potential electricity generation contracts. We on the CAC felt that the impact on the local community where the generator was sited was not accounted for highly enough. This resulted in a staff revision of their quality metric. We are always kept well informed on rate-setting policies. I have been particularly appreciative of legislative and regulatory presentations so that I can inform my community about actions in front of the California Public Utilities Commission that may affect their rate, or legislative bills that they may want to weigh in on.

Measures slated for Board approval are presented to the CAC first. These have included new customer programs, grant offerings, and approval of power purchase agreements with electricity suppliers. Recently, the SDCP CAC approved a new service plan offering 100% renewable energy from LEED certified suppliers.

If this is something that interests you, please know that, as of the HiSierran deadline, there are four vacancies on SDCP's CAC, and these are potential opportunities for you if you live or work in Imperial Beach, La Mesa, City of San Diego, or an unincorporated community in San Diego County. To get more information, look up the Director for your community at <https://sdcommunitypower.org/about/your-sdcp-team/>, then follow the link to their page in their community website. Currently there are no vacancies if you are serviced by CEA. CAC appointments are term-limited, so more spots will be opening as soon as next year.

I would be happy to talk with you about your interest! Please email me at garyj.cceinfo@gmail.com. In particular, my term is up in July, 2025, and I would be glad to talk especially if you live or work in Encinitas!

appliance replacements that lead to high energy costs. Attendees also explored resources to make informed decisions and find trusted contractors for the work. The event was part of the Electrify Now “Go Electric!” series, developed in partnership with LEARN, a San Diego-based workforce education and training program that offers free energy efficiency and electrification webinars.

Electrification Benefits For Homeowners Include:

Lower energy bills • Cleaner indoor air • More comfort

Increased safety • Lower air pollution

Reduced Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Make An Electrification Plan

1. *Take a home inventory*
2. *Check your electrical panel*
3. *Get an energy audit*
4. *Start with what is most important to you*
5. *Get estimates from trusted contractors*
6. *Get informed about incentives*
7. *Plan replacements over time*

More information from the Make Your Go Electric! Plan webinar can be found at:

Recording - Please find the webinar recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x62MJ1aOKNc>

Slides - Please find the presentation slides: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-d1y-S2PDouEVdCP7KiTNf14sxYy0TrJ/view>

Additional Resources -

Go Electric! Home Electrification Inventory Worksheet: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aUsWiuil8GemcUZC15bxJNSx-9wqwfPk/view>

Rewiring America Personal Home Electrification Planner - an online tool that walks you through the details of an electrification plan with estimated costs, energy savings and incentives personalized to your home: <https://homes.rewiringamerica.org/>

Switch is On - a helpful resource for residents of California and Washington, including a contractor database and detailed information about available incentives: <https://switchison.org>

Countywide Waste and Toxic Reduction Disposal Fee Proposal

Sierra Club San Diego and Zero Waste San Diego are proposing an increase of the AB 939 Disposal Fee from \$0.02 per ton disposed at landfills in San Diego County to \$1.00 per ton. This change would amount to \$1.00 per person per year and would generate \$3.4 million in funds for the program. The increased fee would be allocated to support countywide waste and toxic materials reduction initiatives aimed at:

- *Encouraging waste and toxic materials reduction.*
- *Disseminating information on the health and environmental effects of toxic substances.*
- *Supporting recycling, composting, and durable goods recovery efforts.*

This program would significantly contribute to San Diego County’s climate, circularity, and sustainable materials management goals. Projects funded by this proposal would yield several benefits, including:

Education and outreach, Increased participation in mandated separation of organic waste (SB 1383), Contribution to greenhouse gas reduction goals by minimizing methane emissions.

Provision of additional compost for soil enrichment.

Extension of landfill lifespan by diverting recyclable and organic materials.

Enhanced recycling efficiency through contamination reduction.

Improve efficiency of recycling by reducing contamination.

Decreased disposal of toxic materials in landfills.

Increased durable goods recovery.

Grants and loans to small businesses to support initiatives such as:

Reusable cups in restaurants and coffee shops.

Purchase of dishwashing machines to promote the use of nondisposable dishes and flatware.

Recycling of shrink-wrap materials used in commercial and industrial shipping and packaging.

Appliance repairs, textile recovery, clothing swaps....

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Countywide Waste and Toxic Reduction Disposal Fee campaign. If you would like to join, please send an email to zerowastesdsc@gmail.com.

Campaign to Oppose Synthetic Turf

Synthetic turf is a petrochemical product whose manufacture, use and disposal exposes humans and the environment to toxic chemicals. Use of synthetic turf in place of natural green spaces produces heat islands, releases PFAS, heavy metals and microplastics into the environment, and harms communities impacted by fossil fuel extraction, refining, manufacturing and landfilling/improper disposal. An excellent review of the negative environmental and health impacts of synthetic turf can be found in a letter from officers of the Santa Clara County Medical Association opposing the use of synthetic turf in Sunnyvale: https://www.sccma.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=cDXbFWx_3Dw%3d&portalid=19. An overview of the pros and cons of synthetic turf vs. natural grass is shown in the score card on page 12.

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 2024 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 2024. The two candidates receiving the highest vote will be elected to three-year terms.

Nominations are due July 31, 2024.

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

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, 2024. The Nominating Committee will announce its candidates at the August 14, 2024, 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.

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the Environmental Impact Report supported by environmental groups like the Endangered Habitats League and Environmental Center of San Diego.

We're asking for you to help us get this Alternative option front and center with the Board of Supervisors. We need to let them know that our membership and supporters are behind us on the need for keeping future residents safe, and on reducing car travel by concentrating development closer to existing infrastructure and amenities like schools, grocery stores, and healthcare.

Help us communicate to the Board of Supervisors that we want the "Fire Safe and VMT Efficient Alternative" adopted.

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.

Email your Supervisor and let them know you support this alternative.

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Add your name to support the Fire Safe Plan at <https://tinyurl.com/4d42m9r2>

More information on the Fire Safe Plan can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/2aury2vc>

Watch your emails for more updates.

stantial room for improvement and most or all omit vital needed actions. Let's explore some areas of practical improvement. Kudos to those jurisdictions that are already taking some of these actions. Let's urge them to do more.

Community Involvement

Every city must empanel an Environmental Commission to research and propose best practices. The Commission should prepare a Climate Emergency declaration with carefully crafted whereas clauses that are intended to guide further actions. The commission should take actions that lead to large audiences attending and commenting on topics being discussed and suggesting additional action. We need more and impactful citizen involvement!

Citizens need information about what's working and what's not. We need data about current resource usage, emergencies when they occur, progress on equity improvement and more. Awareness increases everyone's safety and leads to positive actions. We need meaningful dashboards accessible on cell phone apps, on displays in civic buildings, in shops, restaurants and generally around the community. Here are some example dashboards:

- *From Oberlin Ohio, citywide resource use, including energy flows, water flows, calendar, and more* <https://environmentaldashboard.org/cwd> Environmental Dashboard
- *Live, real-time fire status for California. Each city can focus on local resident status and improve safety for everyone.* <https://alert-california.org/> Home - ALERTCalifornia
- *Tree equity measures as defined by American Forests help set meaningful afforestation plans.* <https://www.americanforests.org/Homepage> - American Forests
- *Nature Equity scores from Nature Quant can be used to improve natural settings for a healthier life.* <https://www.naturequant.com/index.html> NatureQuant
- *Methane emissions can be identified by RMI's WasteMAP tool. High emitting sites can be asked to reduce emissions.* <https://wastemap.earth/> Home | WasteMAP. Climate Trace, a tool sponsored by Al Gore and others identifies high-emitting sites globally. Cities should use this tool to identify targets with opportunities to reduce emissions. <https://climatetrace.org/> Climate TRACE

Cities should voluntarily report progress on CAP initiatives, at least annually. If updates on CAP projects show below expected results, immediate remediation efforts should be launched. Good progress should be proclaimed. The public needs and deserves to know.

In summary, there is much useful and actionable data available to improve our climate, reduce emissions and improve health and safety. CAP authors and cities should use this data.

Power Generation

There is wide consensus that infill solar arrays are preferable to large solar fields in the desert or over any valuable land. Cities should install microgrids on all city-owned buildings, over parking lots, etc. Businesses should be asked to put microgrids

on rooftops and warehouses, etc. And the microgrids should be interfaced with a Virtual Power Plant (VPP), which in-turn should be connected to the local CCA, such as Clean Energy Alliance or San Diego Community Power. The CCA should access the VPP and microgrid batteries when extra energy is needed at peak demand times. Let's avoid activating SDG&E's gas peaker plants. Note that the city can expect to earn income when their batteries are accessed. Also, by signing a Power Purchase Agreement with an equipment supplier, little or no up-front capital will be required. Poway's school district and Oceanside have announced savings of tens on millions of dollars using this general approach!

Reducing emissions, saving money, earning income!
Why is every city not aggressively pursuing some version on in-fill solar?

Sustainable Transportation

Every city should prepare a city-wide Master Trail Plan. Everyone should live within a 10-minute, preferably 5-minute, walk of the trail system. Trails should be tree lined, ideally with unpaved paths, with rest areas that encourage community chats, and accommodate walking, cycling, etc. Let's encourage active transport.

The trail plan should be the glue connecting a collection of 15-minute communities together. Each community should move toward having the following in near proximity: (see The 15-Minute City by Carlos Moreno)

- *Shopping and health facilities*
- *Schools and lifelong learning opportunities*
- *Playgrounds, parks, green spaces, gardens, sports and recreation facilities*
- *Housing diversity, affordable housing options, safe streets and spaces*
- *Public transit, safe cycling and walkability*
- *Employment opportunities, jobs and services*
- *Reduce GHGs in Buildings*

Much of the building stock that will be in use in 2050 already exists. Thus it will be vital to incentivize building owners to introduce efficiency measures and to decarbonize buildings with measures like installing heat pumps, induction stovetops and improved weatherization.

Setting standards for building performance such as LEED, Green Mark Certification, Super Low Efficiency Programs or others will guide the way forward.

About half of San Diego's residents are renters and live in multi-tenant buildings. We should encourage community solar and EV charging at these homes. Current CAPs provide too few options for renters.

Embedded Carbon

Since no carbon steel and cement are coming onto the market, CAPs should set guidelines to reduce embedded carbon. Vehicles at work sites should be all electric as far as practical.

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 3 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, 2024.

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/>

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Expanded Tree Canopy – Access to Nature

Nature Quant states that increasing Nature Score by 15 points adds one year to life expectancy! We have the lowest tree canopy in the US. CAPs should set near-term goals of 70% Tree Equity Score and longer-term of 100%. Pocket Forests should be installed around each city. Each school yard should have a pocket forest and other cooling measures. CAP authors should consider using the Urban Forest Management Plan Toolkit. <https://ufmptoolkit.net/> Urban Forest Management Plan Toolkit (ufmptoolkit.net)

CAPs should have a Water Plan to evaluate quantity and quality of water. What actions are needed in times of drought? What conservation and reuse options should be used?

Food and Agriculture Targets

“Raising soil’s organic matter just 1.5% in all row cropped fields in the world would remove all the carbon added to the atmosphere since the industrial revolution...leading to 290 PPM CO²e.” and “One-time, one-metric-ton-hectare application of compost would result in a one-metric-ton increase in stable soil carbon, year-after-year, for between 30 and 100 years.” Solving the Climate Crisis, pp. 229-230, John Berger

CAPs should include measures to encourage regenerative agriculture. San Diego has over 5000 farms, more than any other county in the US. Let’s partner with farmers to improve our climate.

Climate Finance

The world’s largest banks have funded over \$7 trillion of fossil fuel projects since the Paris agreement in 2015. This is unacceptable for our climate. CAPs need strong finance measures.

The County or SANDAG should sponsor a Public Bank and every city in the county should join it. A second-best choice would be to join a Green Bank.

Cities should divest from banks and investments that fund fossil fuel projects

Employees should have options to invest in green funds.

Cities must refuse to use insurance companies that back fossil fuel projects like the construction of LNG terminals on our southern coast.

Summary and Conclusion

While not explicitly identified in some of the recommended actions, Environmental Justice must be centered in every action. Please see the equity measures outlined in DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS by Kate Raworth for helpful insights.

Much fabulous and important work has gone into many CAPs to date. Many thanks to all contributors. We have more work to do. Let’s tackle it with energy and joy.

Sierra Club Seal Society Keeps Busy During The La Jolla Sea Lion Pupping Season

The La Jolla Sea Lion Rookery at Pt. La Jolla, just around the corner from the famous La Jolla Cove, is possibly one of the best places in the world where visitors can witness sea lions giving birth and raising their young. It is the only rookery (where many pups are born) on the entire California coastline. In California, most sea lion birthing occurs from the end of May through the end of June. Mothers can be observed giving birth, and nursing their adorable 13–20-pound pups. Did you know, that a sea lion mom only has one pup per year after 9 months gestation? The pup will remain with the mom and nurse for up to a year.

The Sierra Club Seal Society volunteer docents have been very busy during sea lion pupping season. They count the number of pups born and the total sea lion population in the area, educate the public about birthing biology, and point out male dominance behaviors. They also provide safe viewing guidelines to the public. This birthing season, they expect between 30–40 sea lion births.

Bull Breeding Behavior

About six weeks after birthing, breeding takes place. Male sea lions, called bulls, can weigh as much as 850 pounds. The males fight fiercely on the land and in the water with other males for territory and the right to mate. The bigger bulls win most of the females and are often seen guarding the moms and newborn pups, keeping them safe, and warning them of high tides. At times sea lions can be seen in the La Jolla Cove. Sea Lions are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, so please give these wild animals 50 feet of space for your safety as they may chase and bite if you get close.

Sea Lion Talk and Walk

In June, docents from the Seal Society gave three “Talk and Walk” presentations during the sea lion pupping season at Mangelsen’s Images of Nature in La Jolla. A 30-minute slide presentation was followed by a walk to Pt. La Jolla to see the sea lion moms and newborn pups.

Screening of A Sea Lion Symphony Video and Music Screening

A Sea Lion Symphony, is a multi-media performance combining video, music and poetry. A recording of the live performance on November 3, 2023 will be screened this summer at the Sierra Club Office on a date to be announced via email and on the Sierra Club website. The Sea Lion Symphony was conceptualized by David Bowser, conductor and composer of the Toronto Mozart Players after he visited the sea lion rookery at Pt. La Jolla. He was so moved by seeing the sea lions

in their natural habitat that he decided to donate his time and compose a musical score and work with our volunteer videographer/drone operator, Paul Emus, to present an audio-visual experience. Carol Archibald, a docent and part of the Sierra Club Seal Society Leadership team, and poet, wrote poetry to accompany the video and music.

The video is a beautiful depiction of a day in the life of wild sea lions, displaying their behavior, intelligence, playfulness, and societal milieu. It portrays birthing, mothers nursing, mating, pups at play, their graceful underwater swimming prowess, their acrobatics in the air while surfing, and the protection and family support they manifest.

Following the video screening, Sierra Club Seal Society Chair Robyn Davidoff and other docents will offer safe viewing guidelines and hold a short question and answer session.

The goal of our production is to educate the public about the beauty and intelligence of wild sea lions and their biological needs in order to further better awareness and protection of the animals, and to ameliorate harmful human-animal interactions.

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Photo by Robin Ricks, photographer. Mom and minutes old newborn. 5-29-2024

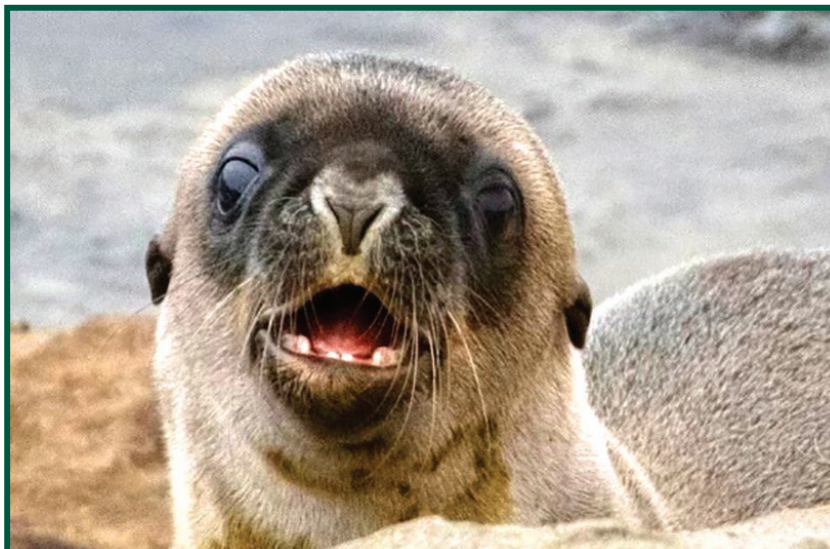


Photo of sea lion pup by Paul Emus, Emus Communications

Sierra Club Achieves Cleaner Energy in Oceanside and Vista

San Diego Chapter Celebrates Important Goal For Clean Energy

By Barbara Collins

Clean Energy Alliance (CEA) has officially launched in the cities of Oceanside and Vista! As of April 1, 2024 CEA began providing residents and local businesses with cleaner energy choices at competitive rates. There are now seven cities in San Diego County that belong to CEA, the others are Carlsbad, Del Mar, Escondido, San Marcos and Solana Beach. CEA is a powerful new asset for moving from dirty fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy. CEA plans to provide 100% renewable energy by 2035, a full decade sooner than the state mandate. Oceanside and Vista residents were automatically enrolled in Clean Impact Plus, which provides 50% renewable and 75% carbon-free energy.

This is an important milestone for the Sierra Club. CEA is a Community Choice Energy (CCE) organization. Establishing CCEs was a top priority for the Sierra Club San Diego Chapter because CCEs have a track record of providing more renewable energy to their customers and implementing ambitious goals to transition to 100% renewable.

CEA and another CCE organization, San Diego Community Power (SDCP) began serving customers in 2021. SDCP now serves the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Imperial Beach, National City and San Diego County (unincorporated communities). Many Sierra Club volunteers worked in all of the participating cities, meeting with City Council members, writing letters and attending public meetings to accomplish the goal of cleaner energy.



Be a Green Impact Champion - Opt Up to 100% Renewable!

Customers of both agencies have several options when it comes to choosing their energy rates and its renewable content. For about \$2.50 a month extra, customers in both of the clean energy agencies can Opt Up to 100% Renewable Energy.

Opting Up is simple!

For CEA customers to Opt Up to 100% renewable energy go to: <https://thecleanenergyalliance.org/opt-up/> You can also call CEA for assistance to Opt Up at (833) 232-3110.

For SDCP customers to Opt Up go to: <https://sdcommunitypower.org/your-choice/opt-up-to-power100/>

How does CEA Work?

- CEA purchases electricity for customers instead of San Diego Gas & Electric, this is approximately 25% of our electricity bill. However, SDG&E will continue to deliver the electricity to our homes and businesses, maintain power lines and process our electricity bill. These services are approximately 75% of our bill.
- CEA's power supply comes from a minimum 50% renewable sources, increasing annually to 100% renewable sources by 2035.
- Because CEA is a locally managed, not-for-profit entity, any excess revenue generated by CEA will be reinvested in the community through innovative energy projects, programs and other incentives—including enhanced green programs and projects in CEA's participating cities.
- By accelerating investment in renewable energy infrastructure and energy efficiency programs, CEA will generate regional jobs and cultivate resilient communities.

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Harbor Seals at Children's Pool

Harbor seals can still be seen on the beach at the Children's Pool. The beach reopened to the public on May 15 so the seals are often resting near the seawall. A rope guideline is on the beach showing where people are to view the seals from. Last month, the Sierra Club Seal Society received a request for a person from out of town who knows a lot about seals and crazy about them, asking if he could volunteer during his visit. After a brief training from Chair, Robyn Davidoff, Brian was assigned to the Children's Pool. Brian, a restaurant owner in Pittsburg, docented at the Children's Pool on two different days for 3 hours each and kept people back from the seals. He also explained to the public on a very busy sunny day, the differences between seals and sea lions, explained how seals move, what they eat, and how long they live. Brian not only said he had the experience of a lifetime volunteering with us but was lucky to see a SeaWorld rescue of an elephant seal pup.



Photo of Brian volunteering at the Children's Pool by providing education to the public.

Article submitted by Robyn Davidoff, Chair of the Sierra Club Seal Society and Carol Archibald, Docent and leadership team member.

Power Lines Emerge

By J. David Garmon M.D.

President, Tubb Canyon Desert Conservancy

The specter of a towering 500 kV transmission line cutting in half the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park has haunted our region for the last two decades. Construction of such a line would be a disturbing, years-long proposition. The region's unsurpassed wilderness scenery and long uninterrupted views are the foundation of Borrego's destination economy. Such a 500 kV transmission line's negative economic impact on visitation to the town and Park has been calculated in the tens of millions of dollars. And residents of Borrego would receive no benefit from the completed line, but simply pay the economic and environmental price of its presence.

The Sunrise Powerlink was a close call, but the threat was averted when that line was sited south of the Park. Today there is a new threat. The powers that be are planning a new 500 kV line that would transect the Park, and it is on the verge of becoming a reality.

The forces behind today's threat dwarf the mere corporate greed that fueled the drive to build the Sunrise Powerlink. Today's threat is driven by California's urgent response to climate change, a dramatic shift in the regulatory environment, and politicians who are singing from the song book given to them by the investor-owned utility industry.

There are important actions that Borregans and those who love the Park can take, but first a description of the circumstances.

California's Historic Response to Climate Change

In 2019 the California legislature passed, and the governor signed, Senate Bill 100 requiring all electricity consumed in California in 2045 to be generated from renewable sources. This legislative mandate created an urgency among the regulatory agencies that are responsible for ensuring California has a reliable electricity grid now and in the future.

A Shifting Regulatory Environment

During the early 2000's when local residents struggled to keep the Sunrise Powerlink out of the Park, the three agencies responsible for ensuring that California has a reliable electric grid – the California Independent System Operator (ISO), the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC), and the California Energy Commission (CEC) – functioned largely independently. The CEC produced 10-year demand forecasts. The ISO used those forecasts to plan for the growth and development of the grid, and the CPUC exercised its authority to give or withhold regulatory approval to proposed projects. Today is a different world.

In December 2022, the relationships among these three agencies shifted significantly when they signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designed to "streamline" the siting and permitting of new grid infrastructure by removing much of the check and balance dynamic that previously existed. Section 9 of the MOU states, "The ISO transmission planning process

will consider and incorporate the scenarios and portfolios developed by the CPUC with input from the CEC, and the subsequent CPUC siting/permitting process will then give substantial weight to project applications that are consistent with the ISO's final transmission plan." (See full text of the MOU here: <http://bit.ly/4bK9GXH>)

Implications for Borrego Springs and the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

In May 2023, the Board of Governors of the ISO approved its 2022 – 23 Transmission Plan. This plan was created in coordination with the CPUC. The plan deals with transmission lines throughout the state, but of paramount importance to Borrego and the Park is the section affirming the need for a 500 kV line to run from southern Imperial County to northern San Diego County. This line is referred to as the Imperial Valley-North of SONGS 500 kV Line and is estimated to cost ratepayers \$2.3 billion dollars. SONGS is the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station located in northern San Diego County. (See full text of the plan here: <http://bit.ly/4bu1lrp>)

This new world of "coordination of activity" among regulatory agencies means that the ISO's 2022-2023 Transmission Plan authorizing a 500 kV line from southern Imperial County to northern San Diego County was developed in conjunction with the CPUC and that the CPUC with its siting/permitting authority will give "substantial weight" to the project application when it eventually comes before the CPUC for final approval.

The simple translation of the MOU is, "The CPUC is now involved from the beginning in the ISO's planning process for transmission lines, so when it comes time for the CPUC to approve those lines planned by the ISO, the CPUC will approve them. Quickly! And why not? The CPUC has been involved in the planning from the beginning."

The upshot for Borrego and the State Park is that the Imperial Valley-North to SONGS Line is the largest, most expensive plan in the ISO's 2022 – 23 Transmission plan, and is very likely ("substantial weight") to receive CPUC approval.

Full Speed Ahead

In the year since issuing its 2022 – 23 Transmission Plan, the ISO has wasted no time in seeking a company to build the Imperial Valley-North of SONGS Line. On May 9, 2024, the ISO published a report detailing the selection process for the "Project Sponsor" that would build, own, manage, and operate the Imperial Valley-North of SONGS 500 kV Line. In an interesting twist, SDG&E was not selected as the Project Sponsor. The firm selected is Horizon West Transmission, LLC. (See full text of the report here: <http://bit.ly/3V86lwi>)

The Route through the Park

In its application submitted to the ISO, Horizon West described the route it will take in constructing the Imperial Valley-North of SONGS Line. "... its proposed route is approximately 135 miles along and it would acquire land rights from the BLM, DoD, California State Parks, and private landowners. Horizon West indicated that its proposed route would minimize impacts to the Anza Borrego Desert State Park by following a combination of

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existing transmission lines, existing roads, and other permanent impacts within the park for the majority of the crossing.”

Currently, the only existing transmission line in the State Park is the 69kV line on wooden poles that is sufficiently innocuous to be barely visible as it traverses a path from the Narrows Substation to the Warner Substation. A 500 kV line with its 180 - 200-foot-tall metal towers in the same easement as the existing 69 kV line would be visible from miles away. The footprint on the ground of such massive towers is the size of a house.

AB 3238 - Circumventing CEQA

For years Californians have been afforded the due process protections of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As imperfect as it is, CEQA has been a hurdle that many environmentally destructive projects could not clear. CEQA has been the bane of unbridled development.

CEQA would be a challenging hurdle for the Imperial Valley-North of SONGS Line. However, a bill, AB 3238, now winding its way through the California Legislature would exempt the Imperial Valley- North of SONGS Line from CEQA. Section 2 of AB 3238 sponsored by Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) “would, until January 1, 2035, exempt from CEQA projects for the expansion of an existing public right-of-way across state-owned land to accommodate the construction, expansion, modification, or update of electrical infrastructure, as defined.” This section of the bill means that expanding the right-of-way of the existing 69 kV line through the State Park would be exempt from CEQA.

Remember the CPUC’s new role in planning and approving transmission lines described above? AB 3238 would make full use of the CPUC’s enhanced role to approve projects. Section 3 states, “This bill would vest the (California Public Utilities) commission with the exclusive power (emphasis added) to approve and site necessary electrical infrastructure projects, as defined. The bill would, except as provided, specify that the approval and siting by the (California Public Utilities) commission of a necessary electrical infrastructure project is in lieu of any approval, concurrence permit, certificate, or similar document required by any state, local, or regional agency, or federal agency to the extent permitted by the federal law, for the use of the site and related facilities.” This section of the bill means the CPUC would have carte blanche to site a transmission line wherever it sees fit without regard to input from other public agencies such as the Department of Parks and Recreation or the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

What you can do.

What happens next is depends on what happens to AB 3238. If the bill is allowed to become law, CEQA protections would be gone and there would be little standing in the way of the CPUC, with its “exclusive power,” approving the route through the State Park for a 500 kV transmission line.

For those interested in participating in this political process, there are a number of things that can be done, beginning with contacting the elected officials listed below. The message to these individuals is not that we are opposed to renewable energy or California’s aggressive goals. But rather we are looking for ways

to meet California’s renewable energy goals without destroying California’s public lands. One alternative is to maximize rooftop and parking lot solar in the urban areas along California’s coast. Studies have demonstrated such an approach would more than meet current and projected demand for electric power.
<https://www.borregosun.com/search/Solar> \t “_blank

- Alert your friends and neighbors to this imminent threat to Borrego Springs and the Park.
- Call, and encourage others to contact, Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia’s office at 916-319-2036 and voice opposition to his special interest bill (AB 3238) that would sacrifice the State Park.
- Call, and encourage others to contact, the Governor’s office at 916-445-2841 to voice your opposition to this proposed power grab (AB 3238) by the CPUC that dramatically diminishes all other voices and concerns.
- Call, and encourage others to contact, Senator Brian Jones office at 916-651-4040 and ask him to oppose AB 3238 when it comes up for a vote in the Senate.
- Call, and encourage others to contact, Assemblywoman Marie Waldron at 916-319-2075 and ask her to oppose AB 3238 when it comes up for a vote in the Assembly.
- If your primary residence is in California but outside the districts of Assemblymembers Garcia and Waldron, and you are outside the Senate District of Senator Brian Jones, then please call your own State Assemblymember and State Senator, and encourage others to contact them as well, and ask your representatives to oppose AB 3238 when it comes up for a vote in the Assembly and Senate.

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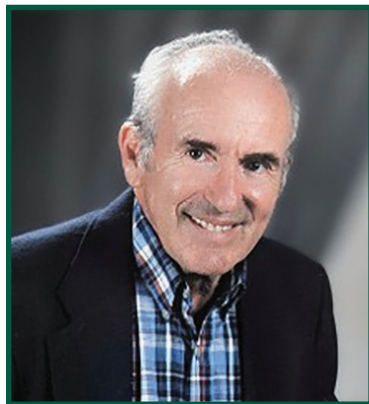
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We are a friendly, committed group. Come join us!

Email joe@ecinstitute.com
and tell us about your interests.



Remembering Lee (Leon) Siegel



After many years living with Parkinson's disease Lee passed away at age 88 on May 18th. He will be remembered by many Sierra Club members for his leadership in serving as secretary on the Executive Committee of the local chapter, leading annual bicycle rides to the Rose Parade, chairing the chapter's Nature Knowledge Workshop held for many years at the Sierra Club's Foster Ledge in Mt. Laguna, and a leader for the

Wilderness Basic Course held annually taking participants camping in both the wilderness and snow. He with his wife, Fern Siegel, earned the Silver Cup award in 2011. They both organized a Walk for the Environment in Balboa Park.

Lee graduated from UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and practiced as a relief vet here in California. Known as a compassionate lover of both cats and dogs he volunteered for the Humane Society in providing free spay and neuter services.

Lee met Fern thru the bicycle section of the Sierra Club which he founded with his good friend, Rusty Runholt. They were avid bicyclists, cycling in England and Scotland as well as many states in the US.

At one time Lee was an active member of Toastmasters and remained good friends for many years with other members.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El in Del Cerro where he and Fern held their wedding September 14, 1997.

He is survived by Fern's children, Cindy Marten and Charley Cohen.

A celebration of life, open to all his friends, will take place Friday, July 12th, from 4 to 6 pm in the community room of the Mission Valley library, 2123 Fenton Pkwy, San Diego 92108.

Donations in lieu of flowers to the Sierra Club San Diego Chapter, 4241 Jutland Dr., Ste 303, San Diego, CA 92117 would be greatly appreciated.

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Score Card: Synthetic Turf vs. Natural Grass Playing Fields

| Impact | Synthetic Turf | Natural Grass | Comments |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Oil extraction/fracking | Yes | No | Emissions of GHG, particulate matter, VOC's and hazardous air pollutants in sacrifice zones ¹ Source: Sierra Magazine 9/15/22 |
| Petrochemical refining | Yes | No | |
| Manufacturing synthetic turf & underlayment pads | Yes | No | |
| Field Temperature - heatstroke, dehydration and thermal burns | Temperature is 40-70 F above ambient air | Temperature is equal to ambient air | Measured on warm sunny days |
| Release of PFAS, UV stabilizers, heavy metals, plasticizers ... | Yes | No | Natural grass fields need to avoid synthetic pesticides and fertilizers |
| Release of microplastics | Yes | No | Inhaled/ingested/released to env. |
| Infection risk - MSRA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) | Pathogens survive on plastic surface | No | Synthetic turf fields require bactericidal chemical treatment |
| Sports injuries | Higher incidence | Absorbs impacts better | |
| Robustness to intense use | Yes | Yes | Both require maintenance |
| Water use | Manufacturing process Cooling and cleaning | Drought tolerant turf grass | |
| Installation and maintenance cost | \$1.2M/field; 8-10 yr life | Lower installation cost | Maintenance costs ~equal ² |
| Climate change | Methane from mfg. End of life off gassing for 450 years | Carbon sequestration | |
| Soil biome health | Baked/compacted soil | Maintains healthy soil | |
| Hazardous waste disposal of at end of life (8-10 years) | Yes, 50 tons/acre | No, composted | |

The San Diego Sierra Club Chapter policy statement, Sierra Club California resolution, and the National Sierra Club Council of Club Leaders resolution all take a strong stand against synthetic turf and all infill materials.

Sierra Club San Diego is launching a new campaign to:
Significantly strengthen the proposed National Sierra Club Synthetic Turf policy.

Stop the proliferation of synthetic turf in San Diego County and replace existing synthetic turf fields with natural grass once they have reached the end of their useful life (8-10 years).

Please send an email to zerowastesdsc@gmail.com if you would join our campaign opposing synthetic turf.

1. These Are the New Titans of Plastic: Pennsylvania is just the latest sacrifice zone for the plastics industry

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2022-3-fall/feature/these-are-new-titans-plastic-shell-pennsylvania-fracking>

2. Costs: Grass vs. Synthetic Turf

<https://www.safehealthyplayingfields.org/cost-grass-vs-synthetic-turf>

Inspiring Connections Outdoors



Camping for the First Time in Laguna Meadows

by Bill Tayler

In early June on the first weekend after the school year ended, we took 9 kids to Laguna Campground. For five of them, it was their first time camping, and all of them absolutely loved every bit of it. Our campsites were right on the edge of Laguna Meadows, and the seasonal lake abounding with garter snakes and frogs (as well as rocks to climb) was only a short walk away. And the kids did not even need to leave camp to find a beautiful and friendly gopher snake. The first night,



Campground gopher snake



Exploring the nearby lake



Night hike toad



An island of their own

we hiked out to Big Laguna Lake, where eyes cast upward gazed upon stars while eyes cast downward found toads also out for an evening stroll. Upon returning to camp, we were greeted by bats flitting through the pines having their evening meal. The kids fell asleep listening to the croaking



Hot cocoa with a friend



Garter snake at the lake

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of frogs at the nearby lake and woke early to the raucous sounds of blue jays, crows and acorn woodpeckers. All nine kids were up and enjoying hot cocoa before sunrise (some of the adults joined them much later!). On Saturday we took a longer hike into Laguna Meadows, had lunch at Kumeyaay Village, and visited some of the other spots we usually hit on our day hikes. Although a bit worn out from the day's adventures, the kids still had energy to explore the nearby lake and cool off in its water.

For the first time camper, Laguna has much to offer, including its proximity to San Diego for those feeling a bit homesick. But none even these kids even hinted at wanting to go home early, and they are ready (and excited) for more distant camping adventures to places like Joshua Tree, Mammoth and Sedona. After just two nights in a tent, they are completely hooked. Hopefully forever.

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