



of the *Conservation Committee* of the *Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club*

The Conservation Committee provides a forum for Club members to discuss impending conservation issues and coordinates efforts of conservation subcommittees with groups and sections. It meets every third Wednesday monthly, 7:30 pm at Chapter Headquarters. Contact the Chair by the end of the previous month for a place on the agenda.

Interior Issues Record of Decision for Cadiz Project Issue Will Come Before MWD Board Soon

David Czamanske

The long-anticipated Record of Decision (ROD) for the Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry Year Supply Project was signed on August 29 by the US Department of Interior. The ROD sets forth Interior's decision to issue a right-of-way grant and temporary use permit for a new utility corridor across the California Desert, subject to agreement by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to comply with 130 terms and conditions to mitigate the project's impacts. The utility corridor is necessary to accommodate a 35-mile pipeline from MWD's Colorado River Aqueduct to the project site, owned by Santa Monica-based Cadiz, Inc., through lands under the control of the US Bureau of Land Management.

The pipeline is an integral part of the proposed project, which is the brainchild of British financier Keith Brackpool, CEO Cadiz, Inc., a private "agricultural and water development" company which has no experience in water resource development or management. Brackpool, who has contributed over \$240,000 to Governor Gray Davis's election campaigns, hosted several fund raisers for the him, and flown him around the state in his corporate jet, has in recent months been the subject of numerous adverse news articles in statewide media focusing on the Governor's questionable appointment of and reliance on Brackpool as his key water advisor, given Brackpool's obvious interest in promoting this private \$1 billion water venture.

As proposed, the Cadiz project has two components: (a) a storage component whereby Colorado River water would be pumped through the pipeline from the Colorado River Aqueduct and stored in the Cadiz aquifer, for a rental fee, in wet years and then retrieved via the same pipeline in dry years, and (b) a groundwater mining component whereby up to 50,000 acre feet per year of indigenous groundwater would be pumped from the aquifer to the Aqueduct and sold to MWD to help meet its water supply needs.

The ROD was issued despite strong opposition by Senator Dianne Feinstein, who had secured an amendment to the Senate Department of Interior Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2003 prohibiting Interior from expending funds on the Cadiz Project. The amendment states: "None of the funds made available in this act or any other act providing appro-

priations for the Department of Interior may be expended or obligated to issue a record of decision or take any action to issue a right of way grant for a pipeline or associated facilities related to the Cadiz groundwater storage and dry-year supply program." (This language is not in the House version of Interior Appropriations bill, which the Senate began considering on September 4. Acting on an amendment offered by Senator Robert Byrd, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate immediately substituted its bill for the House bill, so Senator Feinstein's amendment remains in the bill under consideration (HR 5093).

However now that the ROD has been issued, it is anticipated that Senator Feinstein will seek modification of the language of her proposed amendment so that it prohibits Interior from taking any further actions that would facilitate implementation of the project. (Deliberations on the bill are likely to continue into the second and third weeks of September, as Republican Senators from western states will be seeking amendments to implement the President's bogus "Healthy Forests" fire management policy. Once it is adopted by the Senate, the amended bill must be returned to the House of Representatives for concurrence; when signed by President, it takes effect October 1, 2002.)

MWD Board faces Final Decision

Senator Feinstein and Rep Lewis urge MWD Board to reject Project In the meantime, MWD's Board of Directors faces two decisions in deciding whether or not to approve the project and begin construction: first, the Board must vote on whether or not to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report, and second, the Board must decide on whether or not to enter into a 50-year, \$1 billion contract with Cadiz, Inc. The Rules Subcommittee of MWD's Board will meet September 17 to establish a time schedule for these key decisions, which most likely will be made in the next month or two. Both Senator Feinstein and Rep. Jerry Lewis, who represents the Cadiz area in San Bernardino County, have written letters to MWD's Board of Directors strongly urging the Board to reject the project.

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A broad coalition of environmental and public interest groups is opposed to the Cadiz project because of its adverse environmental impacts, its high economic costs, and its precedent-setting implications for profiteering via privatization of a scarce desert water resource. The coalition includes the Sierra Club, National Parks Conservation Association, Public Citizen, Desert Survivors, The Wilderness Society, and several other national and regional environmental organizations. The coalition has secured the legal representation of the Western Environmental Law Center.

The groundwater mining aspect of the project is strongly opposed by the environmental community for several reasons:

1. withdrawal of native groundwater will dry up some of the springs that diminishing herds of bighorn sheep in the nearby foothills are dependent on;
2. creation of spreading basins for percolation of Colorado River water into the aquifer will attract ravens, which prey on juvenile desert tortoises, an endangered species;
3. drawdown of the water table will lead to reduction of the water level beneath Bristol and Cadiz Dry Lakes, resulting in alkaline dust storms from dried out lake bed soils;
4. the proposed groundwater monitoring and management plan will be ineffective in noting changes early enough to permit corrective action;
5. the proposed pipeline route creates a new route across untouched portions of the desert instead of following an established transportation corridor as required by the California Desert Plan.

To Become Better Informed about this Project, visit the coalition website (www.axelsabyss.com), the websites of the Pacific Institute (www.pacinst.org/cadiz.html), Public Citizen (www.publiccitizen.org/california), and the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org>). Visit the Angeles Chapter website after September 17 to learn when MWD has scheduled Board consideration of the EIR and contract approval.

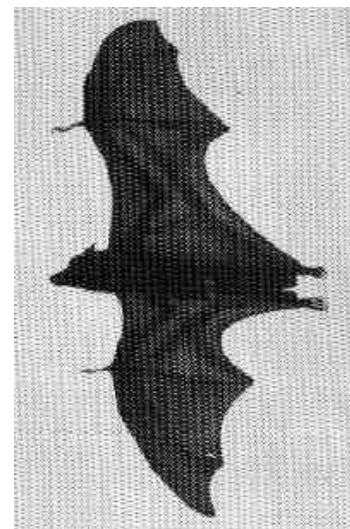
Background information regarding the proposed project's Economic Terms and Obligations is available at MWD's website (www.mwdh2o.com); agendas for the monthly meetings of MWD's Board of Directors and Board Committees are also posted on this website.

To Take Action Expressing Your Opposition to this Project, write to Phil Pace, Chair, Board of Directors, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 N Alameda Street, Los Angeles CA 90012, or PO Box 54153, Los Angeles CA 90054. Phone: (213) 217-6000.

To Take Action Thanking Senator Feinstein and Rep Lewis for Their Opposition to the Project, write, FAX or telephone their district offices (see government listings in telephone book). Do not mail to Washington DC offices as mail is delayed due to anti-anthrax screening.

Record of Decision: Cadiz Groundwater Storage Program "Interior Approves Cadiz Project in Southern California" (BLM California news release, 08/29/2002)

"The Department of the Interior today signed a Record of Decision setting forth the Department's decision to issue a right-of-way grant for a pipeline and power facilities located on federal lands to allow for a groundwater storage and transfer project. The project, located in San Bernardino County, is called the Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry - Year Supply Program." http://www.ca.blm.gov/news/2002/08/nr/SOnews07_Cadiz ROD.htm



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Fighting Fire with Fire

By Carl Pope

We have just finished an intense, exhausting week of lighting our own back-fire to President Bush's non-plan to deal with the threat of wildfire to rural communities near National Forests. Environmentalists knew they would face a major assault from Senator Larry Craig and other timber industry allies after Labor Day. But thanks to a conversation Club staff member Julia Reitan had on an airplane with an Interior Department staff member, we learned last Friday that Bush himself was going to launch an all out assault on our Forests in Oregon this Thursday.

Club volunteers and staff worked ceaselessly and managed in five days to pull together and obtain agreement from a variety of other environmental groups on the first pro-active environmental plan to protect communities at risk from fire while enhancing ecological health on our forests. The plan has seven major elements:

1. Do the most important work first. Make protection of communities from fires the Forest Service's Number One Priority.
2. Provide meaningful funding. This program should be for a minimum of five years and funded at \$2 billion a year to go directly to fireproofing homes and removing hazardous fuels in the Community Protection Zones.
3. Match personnel to work. Shift Forest Service personnel skilled in preparing brush clearing and thinning projects from backcountry, low priority areas to the Community Protection Zones.
4. Carry out immediately the vast majority of fuel reduction projects in the Community Protection Zones that raise no significant environmental issues.
5. Restore natural fires to have natural forests. Prescribed burns can help to reduce fuel buildup and restore healthy forest habitats.
6. Protect our ancient and wild forest from logging and logging roads.
7. Stop the attack on forest protection safeguards.

The plan was simultaneously released Wednesday in Portland Oregon, Phoenix Arizona, Denver Colorado and Washington DC. It forced the White House to leak their own plan—which will do nothing protect rural communities and everything to fatten the pocketbooks fo the timber industry—a day early, and ensured that the media, in covering Bush's initiative, gave prominent, extensive coverage of the environmental opposition.

Support for Wilderness Bill Continues to Grow

US Senator Barbara Boxer

In May, I introduced the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002 (S. 2535) to protect approximately 2.5 million acres of public lands in 81 different areas across the state, as well as the free-flowing portions of 22 rivers and streams. I am pleased to report that support for the bill continues to grow each day. Just last week, the California State Assembly passed Senate Joint Resolution 52 in support of the bill. Joint Resolution 52 was passed by the State Senate on August 19.

I am very pleased that the California Legislature has formally supported my efforts to protect California's precious heritage. I deeply appreciate the strong efforts of Senator Sheila Kuehl who authored and worked for the passage of the resolution and thank Assemblymember Joe Nation for his efforts in the State Assembly.

The California Legislature's endorsement of the California Wild Heritage Act follows support from Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante, Attorney General Bill Lockyer, Treasurer Phil Angelides and dozens of local elected officials across the state. It has also received the strong support of many national and California environmental organizations

If you have questions about these or any other federal matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Former Sierra Club Regional Rep Bob Hattoy Appointed to Fish and Game Commission

Governor Davis appointed ex-Sierra Club leader (and ex-Clinton environmental advisor and Interior Department official) Bob Hattoy to the California Fish and Game Commission. At his first meeting, the Commission also reversed course and moved the decision date on the Channel Islands marine reserves from December to October. Many environmental leaders had urged both actions to the Governor. By having his Fish and Game Commission take action before the November election, (and adding a strong conservationist to the Commission), we hope that this a signal that the Governor intends to take a strong conservation action at the Channel Islands. We intend to keep lobbying all the commissioners until the last minute...but this seems like a good omen...or at least a good step in the right direction.

Handbook for National Conservation Committees

The Conservation Governance Committee's (CGC) new Handbook for National Conservation Committees is now available at < <http://mitchell.sierraclub.org/leaders/CGC/CGCindex.asp>> . We hope it will make your service on a national conservation committee easier and more effective.

This Handbook for National Conservation Committees provides members of the CGC, strategy teams, national conservation issue committees, and other CGC sub-entities with information about Sierra Club conservation organization, procedures, and useful resources. Below is the Handbook's Table of Contents to give you a sense of the many kinds of information available there. We are hoping that in a few weeks the site will allow for the entire Handbook to be downloaded as a pdf file.

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Joint Forest Task Force/Wilderness Committee Meeting

Optional Campout and Hike

Saturday, September 28

The Angeles Chapter's Forest Task Force and the Sierra Club's California/Nevada Regional Wilderness Committee will hold a joint meeting on Saturday, September 28 from 10 am to about 5 pm to plan action on a variety of wilderness concerns, including advancing the Boxer Wilderness Bill in Congress. The meeting will be at the Angeles Chapter office, 3435 Wilshire Blvd #320, in Los Angeles. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

Forest Task Force members and friends, please plan on attending from at least 10 a.m. through the end of lunch! There will be a meeting within the meeting of the Forest Task Force in the morning, focusing on a variety of important topics, including:

- * Proposals for wilderness status in our local national forests with a video presentation of two of the areas.
- * An update on fire issues and the campaign to end commercial logging.
- * Info about a spring 2003 Forest Conference.
- * Unveiling of a new trailhead wilderness brochure.
- * And information on other Southern California forest and wilderness issues.

The Forest Task Force will not be meeting on Wednesday, September 25.

On Saturday evening we'll move to the Chilao campground in the Angeles National Forest for a campout and dinner, courtesy of the Wilderness Committee. Camping Saturday evening, September 28 is in the Coulter Group Campground at 5300 feet in the cooling late summer, early fall air of the San Gabriel Mountains. Coulter is within the larger Chilao Campground, 26 miles into the Angeles National Forest on the Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2) beyond La Canada. There is Freeway access to the 210 and 2 Freeways in La Canada.

Join us also for a Sunday hike in the Pleasant View Proposed Wilderness Area led by Forest Task Force Chair John Monsen and California Wilderness Heritage Committee Wilderness organizer Tim Allyn, from approximately 9 am to 2:00 pm with an optional hike up Pleasant View Ridge itself to Mount Williamson at 8200 feet. This area is an example of one of several remarkably wild areas within the Angeles National Forest that deserve wilderness protection (and are in the Boxer Bill). Pleasant View PWA is barely more than an hour's drive from nearest freeways of urban and suburban Los Angeles and is 12 miles beyond the Coulter Group Campground.

Quotes about the hike from John Robinson in *Trails of the Angeles*:

Some of the most magnificent canyon country in the San Gabriel Mountains lies on the desert slopes of the range. Nowhere is this more evident than in Little Rock Creek, close under Kratka Ridge and Mt. Williamson's Southern Shoulder.

Long, sinuous Pleasant View Ridge lives up to its name. The hiker resting in the shade of tall Jeffery pines on its crest can gaze far out into the seemingly endless Mojave Desert... You are certain to enjoy this northern extremity of the San Gabriels, where the aroma of the desert sage blends with the sweet scent of mountain pine and cedar.

Join us for any and all of the events.

For more information, contact John Monsen at wildernessjfm@aol.com or Vicki Hoover at Vicky.Hoover@sierraclub.org.

E-mail Discussion Lists

There are two important discussion lists for Angeles environmental activists: the chapter list

< angeles-conservation@lists.sierraclub.org >

The other list has statewide information

< calif-activists@lists.sierraclub.org >

To subscribe to the, send an email message to

< listsserve@lists.sierraclub.org > with the message "subscribe angeles-conservation".

Do the same for the other list with the message

"subscribe calif-activists".

The Angeles Chapter's website is

www.angeles.sierraclub.org.

To leave the calif-activists list, send e-mail to

< listserv@lists.sierraclub.org > and, in the text of your message (not the subject line), write: "signoff calif-activists".

Environmental Lawsuit to Save the Salton Sea

The Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club and the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians have filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles' Federal District Court against Secretary of Interior Gale Norton and the federal Bureau of Reclamation for their failure to protect the Salton Sea from over-sanitization. According to the lawsuit, the Bureau of Reclamation has failed to complete an Environmental Impact Statement to examine future management of the Sea, thereby endangering the birds and fish dependent on the Sea and frustrating the purpose of the Sonny Bono Salton Sea Reclamation Act. The Salton Sea, located in the southeastern corner of California, is the state's largest lake and essential habitat for hundreds of species of migratory waterfowl and other birds on the Pacific Flyway.

"California's desert is a land of grandeur, and the Salton Sea is its crown jewel," said Elden Hughes, Chairman of the Desert Committee of the Sierra Club. "Californians from across the state treasure the Salton Sea and come here to camp, bird-watch, fish, boat and hike."

"The Salton Sea is one of the most important and imperiled locations along the Pacific Flyway," said Peter Galvin, California Director for the Center for Biological Diversity. "With over 90% of California's wetlands destroyed, the Salton Sea provides essential habitat for dozens of rare birds and must be protected."

The Salton Sea Reclamation Act of 1998 was passed in the wake of Congressman Sonny Bono's tragic death. It mandated the US Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation to develop a comprehensive plan by 2000 to stabilize and restore the Salton Sea. A draft plan was prepared in 1999 but the plan was never finalized, even as threats to the Sea have increased. The Sea now faces rising salinity and salt concentration is reaching a level where it is likely to interfere with fish reproduction and survival. Today's lawsuit seeks to compel Secretary Norton and the Bureau of Reclamation to release a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Salton Sea Reclamation Plan in accordance with the 1998 law, and to prohibit any action that may harm the Sea until the plan is finalized.

"The Salton Sea is our heritage," said John A James, Tribal Chairman of the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. "We have decided to join the litigation in partnership with the Center for Biological Diversity and the Sierra Club because we must protect the Sea. It is the tribe's hope that the Bureau of Reclamation will finally do what is right and reduce the lake's salinity, stabilize water levels, create a long term plan for preserving fish, bird and wildlife, and improve the potential for recreational use and economic development."

As California's wetlands have disappeared, the Salton Sea has played an increasingly critical role as habitat for hundreds of species of migratory birds. In total, more than

400 species of birds have been recorded at the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, the largest number of species found on any national wildlife refuge in the West. Populations of up to 1.5 million Eared Grebes have been documented at the sea during recent years, along with up to one-half of California's wintering White-faced Ibis, tens of thousands of White Pelicans, Double-crested Cormorants, Caspian Terns, and the largest breeding population of Gull-billed Terns in western North America. Several endangered species, including the desert pupfish, brown pelican, and the Yuma clapper rail inhabit the Sea or adjacent habitats.

The groups are represented in the legal action by attorneys Brian Litmans of the Cascade Resources Advocacy Group, Geoff Hickcox of Kenna and Hickcox, and Brendan Cummings of the Center for Biological Diversity.

Wilderness Petitions Needed

The campaign is looking for a 'few good signatures.' And like Uncle Sam, a few good of anything begins with numbers in the six figures. So, with our good Senator Feinstein in mind, the California Heritage campaign has created a petition, C3 friendly, in the hopes of hitting the six figure mark by December. In addition to Senator Feinstein, we have a few dozen CA Congresspersons we are working to gain the support of (this number is decreasing daily as congress folks sign onto the Solis/Thompson bills).

That's right. December. So, if our goal is at the low end of six figures, we have six months to gather < how many?> signatures a month (need help with the math).

So, of course, the next question is where are they coming from?

We need folks to display the petitions at summer events, Sierra Club events and meetings, civic club events, farmers markets, summer community concerts in the park, etc.

It would be great to create a Southern California calendar of potential tabling events and a hit list of community events that we've tabled at and a system to keep track of our efforts.

Beside the petition, we have display materials and briefing materials available. Contact me for these.

Let me know if you'd like a petition and materials.
Regards,

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Sierra Club Mourns Deaths of Galen and Barbara Rowell

The Sierra Club mourns the loss of award winning landscape photographer, Galen Rowell and his wife Barbara. In his three decades as a professional photographer Galen Rowell's work was featured in several national magazines and he produced over a dozen books. In 1984 he won the Ansel Adams Award which honors photographers who use their talents to contribute to conservation efforts. Barbara Rowell was a pilot and a photographer in her own right, whose work is being featured in an upcoming Sierra Club Books release, *Mother Earth*.

"Galen is widely recognized as one of the most distinguished and pioneering nature photographers of this era. We feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with him on several projects. We also feel deeply the loss of his wife Barbara, who was instrumental in many of those projects," said Helen Sweetland, publisher of Sierra Club Books.

While Galen and Barbara Rowell's passing brings us deep sadness, the images in his photographs will serve as a lasting reminders of their lives, their work, and the landscapes that they loved.

Roadless Area Conservation Bill Cosponsor Drive Begins

Steve Holmer

At a time when the forests face renewed threats from lawless logging, it is important that we also keep working for what the forests need and what the public wants. For thirty years activists have been struggling to protect the remaining roadless lands on the National Forests—and with these sensitive areas more at risk than ever—that struggle goes on.

Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) introduced the Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2002, S.2790 with five other original sponsors, Sen. John Warner (R-VA), Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), Sen. Max Cleland (D-GA) and Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV). Since the bill was introduced, Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) has become a cosponsor (great work Montana activists!).

Many thanks are due to Senator Cantwell and these other Senate leaders for standing up for the protection of our remaining wild forests. If your Senator is listed above, please send a letter on your organizations letterhead, or for individuals a personal letter thanking them for their leadership and discussing the need for roadless area protection in your area.

If your Senators are not mentioned above please contact them at (202) 224-3121, or by fax or email at <http://www.congress.org> or at their district offices in your state. Please urge them to become cosponsors of the Roadless Area Conservation Act, S. 2790.

Dear Friends Lost

Galen and Barbara Rowell died last Sunday (August 11, 2002) in a small plane crash as they approached the Bishop airport. Tom Reid, the pilot, and Carol McAfee also died. They were returning from a trip to Alaska.

The California Wilderness Coalition lost dear friends. Galen and Barbara have been strong supporters lending the use of the Mountain Light Gallery for our events, and helping with their words and photographs to protect California's wild places.

Those close to wilderness perhaps feel deepest the power of Galen's images. His use of light evokes visceral feelings of place. Barbara, though less well known was equally talented.

I would like to share with you part of a letter he wrote a few years back when I asked for his help for the California Wilderness Coalition.

For many years I have enjoyed the California wilderness. I have traveled to the seven continents and both poles only to know with more certitude that some of the Earth's greatest beauty and diversity exists within the borders of my home state.

But it does need our care. Over the years, I have seen wildlands logged, mined, and crossed with roads. These pristine area are now lost. And wildlands continue to be lost.

I hope that you enjoy this Bristlecone Pine forest image taken in the White Mountains potential Wilderness Area east of the High Sierra. The White Mountains are one of my favorite alpine areas. The Bristlecone Pines are the Earth's oldest living things, up to 4600 years old. For me, this image represents the enduring quality of wild places and the reverence I feel for all things living. The White Mountains, home to these heritage pines, deserves official protection as Wilderness. In addition, there are many other wildlands throughout the state which provide habitat for its unique biodiversity. They, too, need to be set aside as wilderness.

Galen Rowell

Galen and Barbara were our friends, and they will be missed.

But, Galen's dream will live. With your help, the White Mountains and the Bristlecone Pine Forests will be permanently protected.

I choose to believe that Galen and Barbara are still out there, helping us all to protect all of California's wild places. And, through my sorrow, I feel a great joy and celebration of life. That is what the Rowell's were all about.

We send our love, best wishes, and condolences to family and friends.

*Bob Schneider, Interim Executive Director
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Bush Administration Abandons California Water Plan Environmentalists Question Role of Former Water Industry Lobbyist

SAN FRANCISCO (August 26, 2002) - Environmentalists are charging Interior Secretary Gale Norton with abandoning a widely supported California water plan. And they are calling on the Department of Interior to explain the role played by a former water industry lobbyist who now advises Norton on California water issues. At issue is the administration's controversial decision last week to quietly drop its appeal of a court ruling involving a critical component of the state's CalFed water plan.

At stake is the state-federal CalFed plan, which is designed to restore the San Francisco Bay-Delta and improve water supply reliability for California. Congress currently is considering legislation to authorize funding for the CalFed plan. However, a federal judge in Fresno ruled in February that federal regulators improperly allocated water to fish and wildlife. If upheld, the decision will reduce the amount of water available for protecting the environment. Environmentalists say that by withdrawing the government's appeal in the case, Secretary Norton is undermining the very cornerstone of the plan. The appeal was filed by the Department of Interior in May in a suit filed by Central Valley agribusiness interests in an attempt to weaken the CalFed plan.

"Secretary Norton is walking away from CalFed, even though she had pledged to support it," said Barry Nelson, senior policy analyst for NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council). "This is another environmental rollback by the Bush administration, and it has serious consequences for California."

Norton's key staffer on CalFed issues is Jason Peltier, previously a longtime lobbyist for Central Valley agricultural interests. For over a decade, as the head of the Central Valley Project Water Association, Peltier led efforts to oppose federal water reform. Despite Peltier's efforts, President George Bush Sr. signed into law the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) in 1992. The CVPIA was a major overhaul of the federal project that delivers water to farmers and other California water users. It guaranteed that water would be made available for environmental protection. The Department of Interior wrote rules to implement the CVPIA, which serve as the foundation of the CalFed plan.

On October 31, 1992, the day after CVPIA became law, Peltier pledged in the San Francisco Chronicle, "We'll do anything and everything to keep from being harmed. If that means obstructing implementation [of the bill] so be it."

"We call on Secretary Norton to explain the role of former water lobbyist Jason Peltier in this decision to capitulate to his former clients," said Nelson. "If Peltier is behind this, then it means he is finally delivering on his decade-old promise to block implementation of the Central

Valley Project Improvement Act. Industry special interests should not be charged with protecting the environment."

The lawsuit in question was brought by the Westlands Water District, the largest and most powerful member of Peltier's former employer. It challenged complex water accounting rules that enable the Bureau of Reclamation, a Department of Interior agency, to track 800,000 acre-feet of water dedicated by the CVPIA to the restoration of the bay-delta and its fisheries. The rules were developed as part of the CalFed plan to protect fish from getting sucked into the massive state and federal water pumps in the delta. The Westlands lawsuit sought to force the bureau to count water that is delivered to farmers as water delivered to fish and wildlife.

If upheld, the decision by US District Judge Oliver W. Wanger in Fresno will dramatically reduce the amount of water available for bay-delta restoration. But environmentalists say the damage could go beyond fish and wildlife; the ruling threatens no less than to bring down the carefully balanced CalFed program and its promise of reliable water supplies for the rest of the state. Under CalFed, urban and agricultural users get legal guarantees, which reduce the likelihood that unexpected fisheries problems in the delta will interrupt water supplies as they have in the past. The only reason that state and federal agencies can provide these guarantees in the first place is because CalFed allocates enough water for the environment. Without the environmental allocation, the whole deal unravels.

"Secretary Norton is risking a return of California's water wars, which would damage the state's economy and environment—exactly what CalFed was designed to avoid," said Nelson.

During the past eight years, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Fish and Wildlife Service jointly defended the implementation of the CVPIA from legal attacks from the Westlands Water District. However, in another clear indication of the new attitude of the Department of Interior, the Fish and Wildlife Service was not allowed to testify in court to defend the allocation of water for the environment. As a result, environmentalists say, this made it more likely that Judge Wanger would rule against the Department of Interior and throw out the accounting rules. The department has since announced that it will rewrite its rules to allocate more water to farmers and less to fish and wildlife. *Vicki Lee*

GRANTS APPLICATIONS ARE DUE on September 30. The Grants Committee will meet October 9 to consider them.

Tejon Ranch Plans Huge Projects Near the Grapevine

By Mary Ann Lockhart

The Tejon Ranch Corporation has filed preliminary plans for a large housing development to be located north of Highway 138, just east of I-5. Much of this land borders on the north edge of Los Angeles National Forest and is in the Antelope Valley. Gorman is on the western end, Lancaster is on the eastern end of this valley. Reports vary in detail but basically 23,000 homes would be constructed on 11, 700 acres of land over a 25 year period.

Though this housing proposal is on the farthest reaches of Los Angeles County, it will affect not only your county but the whole state. One of the major concerns of this project for all present urban dwellers, environmentally or non-environmentally sensitive, should be the potential infrastructure costs as well as service costs, (police, fire inspections, etc.) now and in the future to the county, money that could be better spent in supporting infill and more monies for public services in the urban areas.

In addition, besides being an incredible example of leapfrog sprawl, traffic, air pollution, water supply and quality, and protection of the Condor range are just a few of the disturbing subjects in considering this single project. Combining the impacts of this project with a proposed project for a recreation hotel and more up-scale homes on other nearby Tejon lands, with the other real estate developments of Tejon located in the south end of the Central Valley—one already built—warehousing and commercial project on the west side of I-5, another similar one proposed on the east side, but with more emphasis on general industrial accommodations, it is obvious that the projects of this company, known and still unknown, will affect everyone.

Tejon Ranch Lands make up the largest contiguous landholding in the state of California. Located on the unique area of where desert, coastal, mountain and plains meet, much of which has been unserved by biologists, it is deserving of all the help it can get to protect the resources resulting from this unique meeting of biological ecosystems.

A local Sierra Club group, the 120 member Condor Group of the Kern Kaweah Chapter, has already begun the process of monitoring and commenting on the plans of Tejon Ranch Corporation. The Center for Biological Diversity and Environment Now have independently recognized the need to do the same. It is sincerely hoped that the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club will consider the activities of Tejon Ranch Corporation to be of concern to them also.

For further information as to what has occurred so far, please feel free to call Mary Ann Lockhart, Chairperson of the Conservation Committee of the Condor Group. Phone: 661.242.0432, email: jmal@frazmtn.com. Your possible assistance and interest will be greatly appreciated.

Free Transportation Academy Training Seminars

Sept 13th & 14th (Oakland, CA)

September 20th & 21st (Los Angeles, CA)

December 6th & 7th (Sacramento, CA)

Odyssey, a statewide organization dedicated to promoting transportation choices, is hosting several FREE Transportation Academy training seminars that will teach essential strategies for successful activism to improving your community's environment through transportation reform. These valuable seminars are an excellent opportunity to learn how transportation affects the environment and what steps you can take towards making a real difference.

Participants will use an interactive approach for learning the essential skills and tools to effectively make a difference in the environmental community. Topics include Member Development, Media Relations, Coalition-Building, and Transportation Finance and Policy.

This event is a chance for you to meet and work with other community leaders working on environmental and transportation issues. For complete information and registration materials, visit www.odyssey.org or contact Elizabeth Murphy at Elizabeth@odyssey.org and 916.448.1687 ext. 5.

Orange County Events

By Carole Mintzer

I want to make sure everyone is aware of three upcoming fundraisers—time to loosen up the pocketbooks and wallets.

September 22, 3:30 pm—Orange County Group barbecue at Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary. \$25 per adult, \$10 for children ages 8-12, \$5 for children 4-8, free for children under 4. Send a check made out to "OC Group, Sierra Club" and a SASE to PO Box 6647, Orange, CA 92867, or contact Kirsten Kirleis at 714-377-6301 or kk@mindlin.com

September 28, 4:00-9:00 pm—Saddleback Canyons Conservancy at Starr Ranch. \$35 per person. Reserve tickets by calling 949-713-2244 or 949-713-7272; or mail a check to Saddleback Canyons Conservancy, PO Box 16, Trabuco Canyon CA 92678. More information is available at www.saddlebackcanyons.org.

October 20, 10:00 am—Angeles Chapter at House of Blues. \$95 per person. Call 213-387-4289 or email jack.bohlka@sierraclub.org for more information. I also understand a mailer will be sent to Sierra Club members soon.

Protect Communities, Don't Promote More Logging

Last week, in a politically motivated response to this summer's wildfires, President Bush announced his Healthy Forests Initiative, a plan to weaken environmental safeguards and limit public participation disguised as fire prevention.

The President's plan is based on the idea that eliminating forest protection laws, especially the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and increasing commercial logging will reduce fire risk to communities. Dismantling NEPA would eliminate the public's opportunity to participate in many federal land projects and remove safeguards that ensure that public lands managers understand the impacts a particular project will have on National Forests. While the Bush plan serves as a boon to corporate special interests, it fails to protect communities from fire.

We believe that Senators Larry Craig (R-ID) and Pete Domenici (R-NM) will soon introduce a version of President Bush's plan. Time is short, but the Senate needs to hear from you today!

Please, tell your Senators:

- * Do the most important work first. Make protection of communities from fires the Forest Service's Number One Priority.
- * Provide meaningful funding. This program should be a minimum of five years and funded at \$2 billion a year to go directly to fireproofing homes and removing hazardous fuels in the area 500 yards around communities—the Community Protection Zones.
- * Match personnel to work. Shift Forest Service personnel skilled in preparing brush clearing and thinning projects from backcountry, low priority areas to the Community Protection Zones.
- * Carry out immediately the vast majority of fuel reduction projects in the Community Protection Zones that raise no significant environmental issues.
- * Restore natural fires to have natural forests. Prescribed burns can help to reduce fuel buildup and restore healthy forest habitats.
- * Protect our ancient and wild forest from logging and logging roads.
- * Stop the attack on forest protection safeguards

Act Now to Protect Our Forest and Our Communities

See "Fighting Fire With Fire" on Page 3

Protect Public Beach Access

SB 1962 (Polanco) is currently on the Governor's desk, awaiting his signature. Despite intense, behind the scenes pressure from lobbyists representing the state's wealthiest beachfront landowners, the Legislature approved SB 1962 on the last day of session. SB 1962 would require the State Coastal Conservancy to accept any Offer to Dedicate (OTD) public access in danger of expiring within 90 days. It also requires the Conservancy to open at least 3 accessways per year, streamlines the acceptance process, and sets reasonable standards for who can open and manage an accessway. This bill is very important for the completion of the California Coastal Trail, as well as for expanding public access to the coast throughout the state.

This is a rare opportunity to support positive legislation for California's coastal program! SB 1962 is supported by the Sierra Club, NRDC, League for Coastal Protection, Coastwalk, Surfrider, the Ocean Conservancy, Planning and Conservation League and many other organizations and individuals.

Please take a moment to send a letter to the Governor, urging him to SIGN SB 1962, or use the sample letter below.

Governor Gray Davis
c/o Linda Adams
State Capitol CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

As a California resident who loves the coast, I write to urge you to SIGN SB1962 (Polanco). This bill is needed to protect public access to the beach. No OTD should ever be allowed to expire, and it is completely reasonable to require the Coastal Conservancy to accept any that are in danger of doing so. In addition, the requirement to open 3 new accessways per year will ensure that new access opportunities are keeping up with California's growing population. A few wealthy land owners would prefer that coastal access was not a priority in your administration, but the overwhelming majority of citizens are counting on you to safeguard their ability to enjoy a day at the beach with their families. SB 1962 will also help us realize the dream of completing the Coastal Trail, as OTDs provide vital links along the coast which the state would otherwise be forced to purchase or condemn. Please show your support for coastal protection and access for all by signing SB 1962.

Sincerely,
YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

Environmental Resolutions Proposed (Orange County)

Opposition to Modular Training Units in Roger Stanton Park in Midway City

The Orange County Conservation Committee recommends that the Orange County Group Executive Committee adopt a resolution opposing the installation of modular training units in Roger Stanton Park in Midway City.

Background: On November 11, 1985 a Notice of Determination was recorded with the County Clerk for a development of 92 affordable senior citizen/handicapped apartments, a seniors activity/day care center and a one-acre public park on an Edison easement. The park includes a Community and Preschool Center, playground, picnic area and parking lot that was dedicated to the County as a condition of the development. It is maintained by a percent of the income derived from the senior apartments and operated by The Midway City Community Association, a non-profit organization. This is the only public park in Midway City.

For the past 18 years Roger Stanton Park has been an integral part of this community—providing senior activities, preschool, after school care, daily lunch for teenagers, meeting places for a variety of local organizations, health services and much more. There are plans to enlarge the permanent Community Center and extend the playground for the children.

A few months ago the Probation Department informed the Community Association of their plans to locate two 24 x 60 modular training units in the park in order to service juvenile probationers. It is estimated that one quarter of the property would be needed for these structures and several trees would have to be removed. Two additional parking spaces also would be created. It appears that proper notice and procedures have not been followed. The community was not notified and given an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the park. In addition, federal and state laws do not permit such close proximity of preschool children and juvenile delinquents.

Arguments For: The proposed modular training units and additional parking spaces would consume 1/4 of a 1-acre park, leaving very little park space for recreation and picnics. Trees would have to be destroyed in order to place the units in the park. This is the only park in Midway City. There are too few parks per capita in this area of the county so all park space should remain park space.

Arguments Against: The Probation Department needs to find space to serve its clientele. When budgets are tight, using existing County land may be the most cost effective approach.

New Angeles Chapter Conservation Coordinators

The Angeles Chapter has hired two Conservation Coordinators: **Johanna Zetterberg** and **Rachel Oshry**. They will start to work for the Chapter on Monday, September 16.

In addition, the Orange County Conservation Committee has hired **Chris Koontz** as a Conservation Organizer and **Gail Prothero** as a Political Organizer.

JOHANNA ZETTERBERG is a graduate of Pomona College, Claremont, California, where she majored in Psychology. She participated in the International Honors Program, Global Ecology Year, and studied and traveled on an academic and experiential learning program (in the US, England, India, the Philippines, New Zealand, and Mexico). In part her studies focused on ecology, the environmental crisis, economics, and sustainability. She has worked as a teacher at an outdoor science school, a special events planner and manager for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Inc, a sustainable development consultant, a writer, and a fundraiser for an anti-domestic violence nonprofit organization

RACHEL OSHRY is a graduate of California State University, Monterey Bay, where she majored in Marine Science. She has worked as a naturalist, an ecology tour guide for children, a grants writer, a database administrator, and a national Sierra Club program assistant specializing in grants reimbursements and compliance issues

A reception for Johanna and Rachel will be held in the Chapter Office on Wednesday, October 9, at 6:00 pm.

Draining Desert Aquifer a “Terrible Mistake”

California Senator Dianne Feinstein has told the Metropolitan Water District that a plan by a private company, Cadiz Inc., to pump water out the Mojave Desert aquifer is a “terrible mistake” says SF Gate, AP 8/21. The senator's letter is an apparent attempt to “buttress support on the MWD board for an eventual vote to cancel a tentative contract” to buy water from Cadiz and focuses on concerns the water pumping would “damage the desert ecosystem that relies on the same aquifer.”

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Environmental Resolutions Proposed (Orange County)

Avoiding Extinction

The Orange County Conservation Committee recommends that the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club strongly urge the Sierra Club to lead in establishing a national environmental/scientific group emergency action coalition for the task of beginning an urgent and unfailing process to obligate our government through massive and irresistible public pressure, to act, to consult with those most expert, to choose the trail and to lead the way, to provide producers with the incentives to green their production and consumers to green their consumption, to stop the rapid degradation of the capacity of our planet to sustain life.

Background Some idea of the impact of our species on the planet may be imagined from the following: When the population reaches 10 billion at approximately mid-century with developing countries electrified, 2.5 billion households each using 300 kilowatt hours per month (very modest for combined home, commercial, transportation and industrial use) would dissipate an amount of energy over a period of thirteen years equivalent to the energy dissipated by an asteroid one kilometer in diameter colliding with the earth. That energy is equivalent to the amount released by the detonation of 100,000 one megaton hydrogen bombs. Of course the energy from asteroids or bombs is released in seconds instead of years, with vastly more violent consequences. The harm caused by our species is much more insidious, but in the end, equally as fatal.

The current administration's business-as-usual attitude toward the human caused extinction event currently in process has caused all of us great distress. A perusal of the Sierra Club website shows that the club has no coherent policy of magnitude great enough to deal with this emergency, and neither, I suspect, do any of the other major environmental organizations. In its August 26 "How to Save the Earth" issue, *Time* magazine, in an article by Andrew Goldstein, observes that despite a 50% increase in donations to environmental groups over the last five years, the most serious global environmental problems remain as threatening as ever.

Arguments For: We (members and staff) can continue with business as usual, hoping that the administration will change in 2004 and that a competent leader will be elected, or we can start a movement in the Club that will spread to every other environmental group in the country. And, let's face facts: Globally, the environment has deteriorated year after year, pretty well independent of the party in power in the US. Evidently, much of the developed, educated world regards what is happening realistically as a threat to the existence of complex life on the planet. At an estimated 100

species extinctions per day, we have to treat current destruction of planetary resources as the equivalent of the asteroid collision of 65 million years ago.

How many Americans believe that our species can survive in the absence of most other species? My observation is that most of us believe we have an environmental catastrophe brewing. Almost without exception, the attitudes of the individuals I have talked to are fatalistic. "Yes, the continued existence of life on the earth is in danger, but isn't it too late to fix?" Or "I'd give the existence of our species in another 500 years about a 20% probability". These folks must be jolted out of their apathy, restored to vitality, and harnessed to send a message to the Bush administration that the environment is a life or death issue more important than petty national or international politics or even international terrorism. As Jared Diamond states in his article in the same issue of *Time*, "Many people worry about terrorists, and so do I, but then I reflect that terrorists could at worst kill "only" a few tens of millions of us. The even graver problems that could do in all our children are environmental ones, such as global warming and land and water degradation."

We need a revolution. If we foment it now, it can be nonviolent. If we wait until conditions are unbearably painful it will not. If we foment it now it will be a cultural revolution in our way of thinking and accounting for the costs of our predation on the Earth's resources that will change the way our industries conduct business. As Kathryn Ellison points out in her op-ed piece in the *LA Times* of 9/1/02, "On the whole, it seems there's a huge and growing disconnect between the scale of our environmental problems and official willingness to act."

The environmental community must begin an unfailing process to obligate our government through massive public pressure to act....to consult with those most expert, to choose the trail and to lead the way, to provide producers with the incentives to green their production and consumers to green their consumption. The American people have demonstrated the ability to pull together like no other when we are truly threatened. We, the concerned citizens can motivate our leaders to lead.

We need a dramatic and historic event to end the disconnect. What this might be, the coalition can decide in concert, but it must, at its heart, exhibit a massive, undeniable public demand to stop the march toward the precipice and lead us to a universal respect for our home.

Arguments Against: In taking such massive action, the environmental/scientific community will be viewed by some as exhibiting "its usual stridency and exaggeration of the evidence" and be accused of the "chicken little" syndrome.

Environmental Resolutions Proposed (Orange County)

Support for Passage of the Urban Runoff Management Fee in San Clemente

Whereas, the Sierra Club supports clean water and clean oceans, and whereas beaches along San Clemente's coast have been subject to postings to stay out of the water due to health hazards from urban runoff, and whereas the Water Quality Control Board has told the City of San Clemente to implement a cleanup program or face fines at taxpayer expense, and whereas the City of San Clemente has placed an Urban Runoff Management Fee on a mail ballot to be voted on by San Clemente property owners by October 14, 2002, to fund necessary measures to clean up toxic pollutants and prevent ocean pollution, therefore to support clean oceans, it is hereby resolved that the Sierra Club endorses passage of the Urban Runoff Management Fee in San Clemente.

Background: San Clemente Councilwoman Stephanie Dorey, the City of San Clemente, and the San Clemente Clean Ocean Coalition (which includes Surfrider) has requested that the Sierra Club take a position in favor of a local San Clemente ballot measure for an Urban Runoff Management Fee.

This is a parcel tax that will be voted on by property owners in San Clemente via a mail-in-ballot to be voted by October 14, 2002, to pay for a comprehensive program that will help prevent ocean pollution. The Water Quality Control Board has told the City of San Clemente to implement a cleanup program or face fines at taxpayer expense. Ballots for an Urban Runoff Management Fee will arrive by mail on about September 11, 2002, and must be returned to the City by October 14, 2002.

Proposed Storm Drainage Fee

To properly fund activities to comply with storm water permit requirements and for needed ongoing operation and maintenance of the storm drain system, the City is proposing to increase the existing storm drain fee.

On May 15, 2002, the City Council approved the first reading of a proposed ordinance to increase the existing storm drain fee. Action on the second, and final, reading of the proposed ordinance was scheduled for the Council's June 5, 2002 meeting. However, on June 3, 2002, the California Court of Appeals published a decision overturning an earlier Northern California lower court ruling that storm drain fees did not require voter approval. Thus, the second reading of the proposed ordinance to increase the existing storm drain

fee was pulled from the Council's June 5, 2002 meeting agenda. The Council, at its June 19, 2002 meeting, hired the firm of MuniFinancial to conduct required noticing and balloting activities related to a vote on the proposed storm drain fee increase.

The Urban Runoff Management Fee will cost most homeowners about \$5 a month for a maximum of five years. This money will be placed into restricted fund to pay for (partial list):

- * Large treatment units to disinfect runoff before it reaches the beach in the flood control channels at Poche Beach and North Beach
- * More modest garbage traps and runoff water diversion units in the smaller drainage outfalls at other city beaches
- * Increased street sweeping in most parts of the City
- * City staff dedicated to public education, inspection and, when necessary, code enforcement

The Urban Runoff Management Fee has been endorsed by the San Clemente Clean Ocean Coalition, which consists of a broad cross-section of homeowners and taxpayers and recognized environmental groups, property owners, businesses, and community activists, including Surfrider

Arguments For: This program strikes the correct balance. It provides immediate relief where problems currently exist and acts to more permanently reduce runoff pollution at the source. It is not overly extravagant, but will be effective in making our ocean water cleaner and safer. This measure is a positive step by the City of San Clemente to solve the problem of Urban Runoff pollution. San Clemente is experiencing increased health warnings on beaches near storm channels and the problem is spreading. The Water Quality Control Board says the city of San Clemente must act now.

We must protect our children and grandchildren from pollutants and bacteria! We must protect our tourist economy and local businesses! We must protect our property values! We must protect our quality of life!

Arguments Against: This ballot measure is a parcel tax that is opposed by at least one taxpayer association. The urban runoff management plan could potentially be funded by cutting other city programs or re-prioritizing how city funds are spent. Property owners who own several parcels will pay more than property owners who own one parcel.

Historic Land Use Measure Needs Signature

Tim Frank

The California Assembly passed a historic land use measure, AB 857, with 41 votes; not one to spare. The measure passed the Senate a day earlier, so this measure now goes straight to the Governor.

AB 857 establishes three state planning priorities that the state would encourage (but not require exclusively): (1) promote infill development and equity, (2) protect the most valuable natural and agricultural resources and (3) encourage efficient development patterns in areas to the extent infill development is not possible.

It ensures state consistency with priorities. State agencies often have conflicting policies that impact both state and local plans and projects. The conference committee report requires state agency infrastructure plans to incorporate the state planning priorities, and clarifies the specific types of infrastructure projects covered by this new requirement.

It establishes a state conflict resolution process. The conference committee report requires the Governor to develop a conflict resolution process to reconcile policy conflicts between state agency functional plans and state infrastructure projects. It requires the Governor to set up a similar process to reconcile conflicting policies and requirements of state agencies that detrimentally impact local land use projects and plans.

This bill survived withering fire from the opponents, and the fight is not over yet by any means. The opponents are pounding the governor's office pushing for a veto. We need to flood the governors office in the next couple of weeks with letters and calls supporting the bill. Please write or call today.

You can call or fax Governor Gray Davis at the following numbers: Tel: (916) 445-2841; Fax: (916) 445-4633

Reasons to support AB 857

Projected growth for California Continues in Double Digits. California has not updated statutorily required land use priorities in 24 years during which time we added 11 million people. Another 12 million population is projected for California's growth in the next 20 years. Citizens are already choking on air pollution, fed up with traffic and distressed about declining quality of life.

The bill will ensure fairness by investing in areas where people live now, especially in under-served communities.

It will save taxpayer dollars by making cost-effective and efficient infrastructure investments. The state is digging a fiscal hole by not adequately funding infrastructure maintenance and rehabilitation.

It will protect valuable natural and agricultural resources before they are lost forever.

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ECL/End Commercial Logging on Federal Public Lands

Pavement Equals Runoff

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a typical city block generates nine times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size, because of hard surfaces like roads that don't absorb rain water.

Action Directory

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Sierra Club Sacramento Legislative Office

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Sierra Club WorldWideWeb: <http://www.sierraclub.org>

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1600 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington DC 20500

202-456-2461(fax); 202-456-1111 (Comment Line)

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US Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121

House Office Bldg, Washington DC 20515

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California Capitol: 916-322-9900

Motions should be submitted in advance, together with objective background material and supporting and opposing arguments, both to the Committee Chair and Newsletter Editor, for distribution with the agenda. Other motions will be postponed for action at a later meeting unless the motion is submitted in writing and unless the Committee votes an exception to ordinary procedure. Motions needing further action by the Angeles Chapter ExComm or some higher level of the Sierra Club should start out: "The Angeles Chapter Conservation Committee recommends that the Sierra Club..."

Angeles Chapter

Conservation Committee

Al Sattler, Chair, 310-831-0032 < alsattler@igc.org>
Angeles Chapter Office, The Equitable Building
3435 Wilshire Blvd #320, Los Angeles CA 90010-1904

Agenda — September 18, 2002

- 7:30 Introductions –Welcome all visitors
7:40 **Reminder:** Conservation Grant applications due
September 30.
Reminder: FUNdraiser Gospel Brunch at
House of Blues, Anaheim, October 20, 2002
7:45 Introduction of the new Conservation Coordinators:
(Johanna Zetterberg and Rachel Oshry)
7:55 California Wilderness Bill (John Monsen)
8:00 Letter-writing: California Wilderness Bill
8:20 Cadiz Water Project
(David Czamanske and Faramarz Nabavi)
8:35 Tejon Ranch Developments
8:45 Report: California/Nevada Regional Conservation
Committee meeting (Robin Ives, John Monsen,
Lynne Plambeck, Al Sattler)
9:00 Adjourn

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Weeknights: You may park free inside the building after 5:30 pm. Be prepared to show your membership card or one of our parking passes, available at the front desk in the Chapter office. Take a ticket when you enter through the gate; present it at the parking office near the elevators, and sign it. The ticket machine at the front gate may be turned off after 7 pm. If so, buzz the attendant and say you are going to a Sierra Club meeting. There is no entry after 8 pm. The outside gate is up after 8 pm.

Weekends: No parking inside the building.

Saturday: Attendant is expected to be on duty from 8 am to 3 pm. You may park free, showing Sierra Club affiliation as above. Tickets may be validated at the Chapter office. Outside gates are down all day.

Sunday: Outside gates are up; there is no attendant.

Linda Hoyer

Orange County

Conservation Committee

Carole Mintzer, Chair, 714-288-2829,
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Location: Inn at the Park in Irvine

From the north, come down 405 to 73 and off at University. Turn left and pass Campus and turn right on Harvard. Follow Harvard as it bends and look for Marquette. The Inn is at 10 Marquette, which is on the corner of Harvard and Marquette. It's behind a steel fence.

From the south, get off 405 at Culver and go left. Follow Culver past Michelson and University and turn right on Harvard. Take Harvard to Marquette. It's on your right.

Agenda — September 17, 2002

- 7:00 Introductions and Announcements
7:15 Resolution supporting Urban Runoff Management
Fee in San Clemente (Gail Prothero)
7:30 Driftwood Estates (Penny Elia)
7:40 Marblehead Task Force (Bob Joseph)
7:50 Resolution on avoiding extinction (Dave Perlman)
8:10 Saddleback Canyons Task Force (Rich Gomez)
8:20 Orange Hills Task Force (Theresa Sears)
8:30 Resolution to protect Roger Stanton Park
(Carole Mintzer and Theresa Sears)
8:45 Conservation Grants Applications (Gail Prothero)
8:55 Grants Planning Matrix (Paul Arms)
9:10 Conservation Staff (Carole Mintzer)
9:30 Adjourn

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Conservation Committee Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2002

Tue Sep 17 Orange County Conservation Committee (7:00 pm) 3rd Tue
Wed Sep 18 Chapter Conservation Committee (7:30 pm) 3rd Wed, Chapter Office
Wed Sep 18 Santa Ana River Estuary and Bluffs Task Force (7:15 pm) 3rd Wed, Terry (949-548-5636)
Tue Sep 24 Coastal Protection Comm (7:30 pm) alt 4th Tue (odd months), Chapter HQ, Rudy Vietmeier 562-866-8978
Sat Sep 28 Joint Forest Task Force/CNRCC Wilderness Cmte (10:00am) Chapter Office
Sun Sep 29 Chapter ExComm (1:00 pm) Chapter Office
Mon Sep 30 Grant Applications Due

OCTOBER 2002

Tue Oct 1 Sierra Club Ballona Task Force (7:00 pm) 1st Tue, Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, Santa Monica
Wed Oct 2 Conservation Committee Management Meeting (7:30 pm) Chapter Office (date may change, call 310-831-0032)
Thu Oct 3 Orange County Political Comm, (7:10 pm) 1st Thu, for location, call chair: Chuck Buck (714-773-1075)
Tue Oct 8 Transportation Subcommittee (7:30 pm) 2nd Tue, Chapter Office
Wed Oct 9 Reception for new Chapter conservation staff (6:00 pm) Chapter Office
Wed Oct 9 Grants Committee meets (7:30 pm) Chapter Office
Mon Oct 14 Orange Hills TF (7:15pm) 2nd Mon, 217 E Chapman Ave, Orange, Chris Koontz (714-606-0453 or ckoontz@usc.edu)
Mon Oct 14 Santa Monica Mtns Task Force (7:30 pm) 2nd Mon, for location call Chair Mary Ann Webster (310-559-3126)
Tue Oct 15 Orange County Conservation Committee (7:00 pm) 3rd Tue
Wed Oct 16 Chapter Conservation Committee (7:30 pm) 3rd Wed, Chapter Office
Wed Oct 16 Santa Ana River Estuary and Bluffs Task Force (7:15 pm) 3rd Wed, Terry (949-548-5636)
Wed Oct 23 Public Lands Committee, (7:30 pm) alternate 4th Wed (even months), Chapter Office

NOVEMBER 2002

Mon Nov 4 Conservation Committee Management Meeting (7:30 pm) Chapter Office (date may change, call 310-831-0032)
Tue Nov 5 Sierra Club Ballona Task Force (7:00 pm) 1st Tue, Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, Santa Monica
Thu Nov 7 Orange County Political Comm (7:10pm) 1st Thu. For location, call chair: Chuck Buck (714-773-1075)
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Tue Nov 19 Orange County Conservation Committee (7:00 pm) 3rd Tue
Wed Nov 20 Chapter Conservation Committee (7:30 pm) 3rd Wed, Chapter Office
Sun Nov 24 Chapter ExComm (1:00 pm) Chapter Office

Wed Nov 20 Santa Ana River Estuary and Bluffs Task Force (7:15 pm) 3rd Wed, Terry (949-548-5636)
Tue Nov 26 Coastal Protection Comm (7:30 pm) alt 4th Tue (odd months), Chapter HQ, Rudy Vietmeier 562-866-8978
Wed Nov 27 Forest Task Force, (7:30 pm) alt 4th Wed (odd months), Chapter Office

DECEMBER 2002

Mon Dec 2 Conservation Committee Management Meeting (7:30 pm) Chapter Office (date may change, call 310-831-0032)
Tue Dec 3 Sierra Club Ballona Task Force (7:00 pm) 1st Tue, Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, Santa Monica
Thu Dec 4 Orange County Political Comm, (7:10pm) 1st Thu, for location, call chair: Chuck Buck (714-773-1075)
Mon Dec 9 Orange Hills TF (7:15pm) 2nd Mon, 217 E Chapman Ave, Orange, Chris Koontz (714-606-0453 or ckoontz@usc.edu)
Mon Dec 9 Santa Monica Mtns Task Force (7:30 pm) 2nd Mon, for location call Chair Mary Ann Webster (310-559-3126)
Tue Dec 10 Transportation Subcommittee (7:30 pm) 2nd Tue, Chapter Office
Tue Dec 17 Orange County Conservation Committee (7:00 pm) 3rd Tue
Wed Dec 18 Chapter Conservation Committee (7:30 pm) 3rd Wed, Chapter Office
Wed Dec 18 Santa Ana River Estuary and Bluffs Task Force (7:15 pm) 3rd Wed, Terry (949-548-5636)
Wed Dec 25 Public Lands Committee, (7:30 pm) alternate 4th Wed (even months), Chapter Office
Mon Dec 30 Conservation Committee Management Meeting (7:30 pm) Chapter Office (date may change, call 310-831-0032)

JANUARY 2003

Thu Jan 2 Orange County Political Comm (7:10pm) 1st Thu. For location, call chair: Chuck Buck (714-773-1075)
Sat-Sun Jan 4-5 Chapter ExComm Retreat
Tue Jan 7 Sierra Club Ballona Task Force (7:00 pm) 1st Tue, Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, Santa Monica
Mon Jan 13 Orange Hills TF (7:15pm) 2nd Mon, 217 E Chapman Ave, Orange, Chris Koontz (714-606-0453 or ckoontz@usc.edu)
Tue Jan 14 Transportation Subcommittee (7:30 pm) 2nd Tue, Chapter Office
Wed Jan 15 Santa Ana River Estuary and Bluffs Task Force (7:15 pm) 3rd Wed, Terry (949-548-5636)
Tue Jan 21 Orange County Conservation Committee (7:00 pm) 3rd Tue
Wed Jan 22 Chapter Conservation Committee (7:30 pm) 3rd Wed, Chapter Office
Wed Jan 22 Forest Task Force, (7:30 pm) alt 4th Wed (odd months), Chapter Office
Tue Jan 28 Coastal Protection Comm (7:30 pm) alt 4th Tue (odd months), Chapter HQ, Rudy Vietmeier 562-866-8978