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Vote No on Prop 90!

The Most Extreme Threat to California's Environment in Decades !

Prop 90 is a full frontal assault on environmental protection in California. Hidden behind language to stop abuses of eminent domain, Prop 90 includes several very dangerous provisions that would drastically cut back on the State's, local governments' and even voters' ability to protect the environment, local communities, and farm-land. The most damaging provisions would make it nearly impossible to implement many resource protection laws or to acquire private property to protect wildlife habitat.

Under Prop 90, most government actions to protect the environment would require huge payments to landowners unless those actions are to protect narrowly-defined public health or safety. Prop 90 would redefine "damages" to allow virtually anyone to sue claiming a law or regulation has impacted the value of their property or business – no matter how far-fetched the claim. It would also make pollution a private property right so that the government would have to pay to regulate or reduce pollution. Prop 90 would not only impact environmental protection, but also consumer protection, historic preservation, hunting regulation, and many other laws that protect our quality of life, communities and environment.

In addition to making many regulations difficult or impossible to enforce, Prop 90 would make it prohibitively expensive for public agencies to acquire property for wildlife or resource protection, public works projects, new schools, fire protection measures, utilities to name a few. Prop 90 would create a new, complicated and expensive standard for compensating landowners that would increase the costs, legal battles and bureaucracy needed for public lands acquisition.

The Sierra Club and other conservation organizations, labor, public safety organizations, and local governments are opposing Prop 90. Please urge your business associations, civic and political organizations, and any other groups you can to oppose Prop 90. By: Julia Levin, State Policy Director, Audubon Society.

HELP WANTED: The Executive Committee for the Long Beach Group needs a Secretary to take minutes at its monthly meetings. We have a lap top computer you can use. WE REALLY, REALLY, NEED A VOLUNTEER!

El Dorado Nature Center Hosts Native Plant Fund Raiser

Saturday October 28, 2006 form 9:00 am – 2:00 pm;

El Dorado Nature Center will be hosting its Annual California Native Plant Fund Raiser. All the plants available are well suited for California's dry climate and require minimal watering once established, not to mention many have brightly colored flowers that will attract butterflies and birds to your backyard. All proceeds will help support habitat restoration at the Nature Center. Donations of \$75 or more will have the \$6 parking fee credited toward their contribution. Come early for the best selections. All members of Friends of El Dorado Nature get an early preview of plants at 8:30 am. For more information please call (562) 570-1745. Location: El Dorado Nature Center 7550 E. Spring Street Long Beach, CA 90815

VICTORY ON GLOBAL WARMING BILL

After years of hard work, AB 32—the bill to cap California's global warming emissions at 1990 levels by 2020—has been passed by the state legislature, and Governor Schwarzenegger has committed to sign the bill into law!

With continued lack of climate action at the federal level, this new law marks a national turning point in the fight against global warming and shows the world that Americans recognize our responsibility to reduce global warming emissions and are finding ways to fight global warming at local and regional levels.

AB 32 sets in place the nation's most comprehensive, economy-wide global warming emissions reduction program.

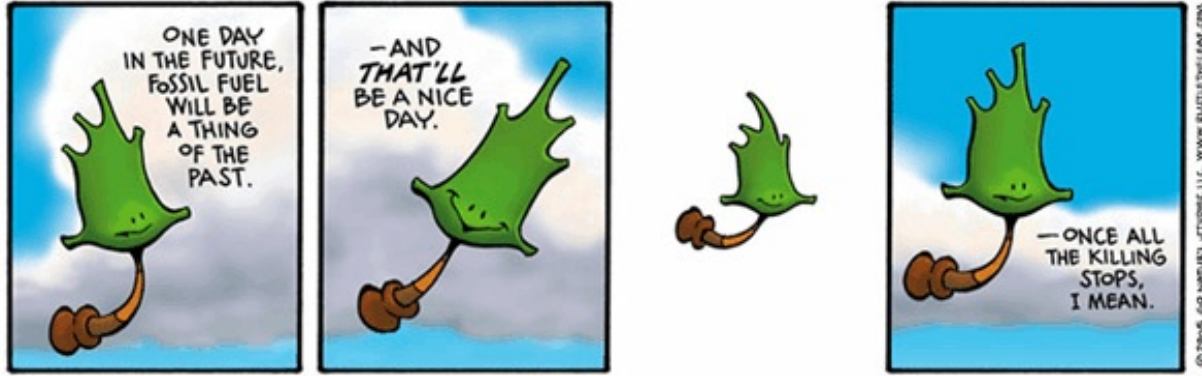
The new law requires the state's global warming emissions to be reduced to 1990 levels by 2020. This reduction will be accomplished through an enforceable statewide cap on all of the state's global warming emissions that will be phased in starting in 2012. The bill does include language on an "escape hatch" that reflects a compromise between the legislature and the governor. The language could be more tightly worded to use the escape hatch only in extreme conditions, but political accountability will make it hard for future governors to abuse the provision.

Story by Union of Concerned Scientists Action Network ;
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Sierra Clubs Urges Support for Proposition 84

On Monday, October 9, 2006, Congresswoman Mary Bono (R-CA) announced the introduction of the California Desert and Mountain Heritage Act, H.R. 6270, which would protect **more than 125,000 acres of wild public lands in her Riverside County district**. Four of these areas lie within our own **San Bernardino and Cleveland National Forests**. Other protected areas include **Joshua Tree National Park, the San Jacinto/Santa Rosa National Monument, and three wild and scenic rivers**. **Your Vote in favor of Proposition 84** will ensure that California continues to invest in clean water, parks and coastal protection. Proposition 84 is a \$5.4 billion citizen initiative placed on the ballot through the efforts of conservation groups to ensure that our natural resources aren't ignored by Sacramento. It provides nearly \$1 billion for the protection of rivers, lakes and streams; \$450 million for forest and wildlife conservation; \$400 million for state parks.



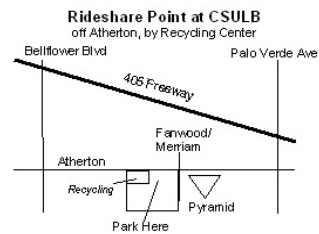
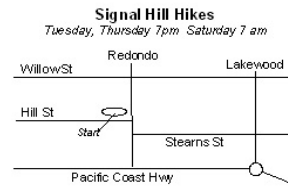
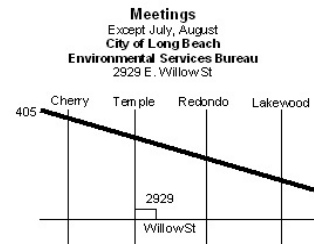
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FARMER'S MARKET

Did you know that Signal Hill has its very own Farmer's Market every Thursday from 4 - 7:30 pm, year round? It is located in the parking lot behind the LB Public Health Dept, near the Post Office. Look for directional signs off Willow St & Redondo Ave. Please come out and support small farmers who produce very fresh (picked yesterday!) locally grown fruits and vegetables, most costing \$1. You may also buy nuts, honey, fresh eggs, organic produce, baked bread, B-B-Q corn and mouth-watering warm tamales. A special free drawing is done at 6 pm for everyone present to win farmer's donated items. I won this week! **Special note to Thursday night Signal Hill hikers: Arrive early before the hike & shop! See you there!**

PASSAGE

Patricia Loeffler, long time active member of the LB Group Sierra Club (1988) and ardent conservationist, lost her fight with ovarian cancer in mid September. Patricia served as Secretary and Program Chair in the LB Group and worked tirelessly on many campaigns to preserve open space & create local wetlands. Her three children invite everyone to a **"Celebration of Patricia's Life" on Sunday October 22 at 11 am at Colorado Lagoon**. Enter off 6th St - drive on the rim road behind the golf course, head north-west to a small park. Bring your stories and memories!



ADA Policy: Attendees requiring adaptive services should contact the chair, or in his absence the vice chair or program chair, of the Long Beach Group at least one week before the meeting they wish to attend. The chair should also be notified at least 72 hours in advance in case of cancellation of attendance. The Long Beach Group will attempt to provide any reasonable accommodation requested.

LOCAL GROUP ACTIVITIES

The following activities are repeated weekly.

MONDAY 7:00 PM Conditioning Beach Walk. 4-5 mi of brisk, fast-paced walking. Hikes start at Belmont Pier parking lot, South of Ocean Blvd. at end of Termino St., near Belmont Pool side. Free Parking after 6 p.m. Flashlight optional. Info: Todd Williams

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. 7:00 pm. Signal Hill conditioning hikes. Tues/Thursday three hikes: A faster group, five miles 800 foot gain; moderate and slow group, 4 miles, 700 foot gain; Meet at Hill Street and Redondo. Bring water, lug soles. Flashlight optional. Info: Todd Williams

SATURDAY 7:00 AM. Signal Hill Conditioning Hike. Moderate only. 4 miles, 700 foot gain. Meet at Hill Street and Redondo. Bring water, lug soles. Info: Todd Williams

Space was limited due to time requirements for election coverage, so the "Trip Report: White Mountain Peak, 14,246 ft., August 6, 2006" will be published in the Jan/Feb Tidelines. All submissions are appreciated..

Sierra Club Endorsements

Candidates

Governor: **Phil Angelides**
Lieutenant Governor: **John Garamendi**
Treasurer: **Bill Lockyer**
Controller: **Joy Chiang**
Attorney General: **Jerry Brown**
Secretary of State: **Debra Bowen**
Board of Equalization: **Judy Chu**
Superintendent of Public Instruction: **Jack O'Connell**

Propositions

Prop. 1C - Support - Housing Bond
Prop. 1D - Support - School Bond
Prop 1E - Neutral - Levees and Flooding
Prop 84 - Support - Water Supply
Prop 85 - Oppose - Parent Rights
Prop 87 - Support - Alternative Energy
Prop 90 - Oppose - Anderson Initiative

Municipal Race

West Basis Municipal Water District -
Paul Koretz, District 5

Water Replenishment Board -
Lillian Kawasaki, District 3

Castaic Lake Water Agency
Division 1 - Jan Heid
Division 2 - Cam Noltemeyer
Division 3 - Carole Lutness
At Large - Isaac Lieberman

LA County Board of Supervisors

Zev Yaroslavsky - Third District

Local State Senate and Assembly Districts

Betty Karnette (AD 54) Long Beach, Palos Verdes

AD 55- Carson/Lakewood - no endorsement

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Club endorsements, continued.

Congressional Districts

Juanita Millender-McDonald (CD37) - Carson, Signal Hill, Long Beach

Grace Napolitano (CD 38) - Norwalk, Pomona, Montebello, LaPuente

Linda Sanchez (CD39) - Whittier, Lakewood, LaMirada, Lynwood

Court Victory in Giant Sequoia Case Could Be Undone by House Bill

The US Forest Service plans to allow commercial logging in **Giant Sequoia National Monument** in the southern Sierras have been rejected by a federal court.

But a pending House bill could overcome the judge's action and allow timber harvests to proceed. Members are asked to urge U.S. Senators to support the federal court's decision and to **oppose HR 5760** introduced by Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Visalia). Ask legislators to back Senate Bill 1897 to protect roadless areas nationwide and transfer the Monument to the National Park Service.

President Clinton's proclamation creating Giant Sequoia National Monument in 2000 directed the Forest Service to create a management plan for the Monument, which carved 328,000 acres from Sequoia National Forest and contains 34 groves of giant sequoia trees. The Sierra Club and other environmental organizations, and California **Attorney General Bill Lockyer** filed lawsuits challenging the resulting Forest Service management plan saying it violated national environmental laws. They also sued to stop logging projects underway in the Monument area.