# 2017 Candidates for Santa Clarita Group Executive Committee 5 Candidates (Listed in random ballot order) 4 Open Positions

#### Sandra Cattell

I have a passion for our natural environment, love to be in it, and promote activism to maintain. I worked to stop the massive Las Lomas development and for an open-space benefit district in the City of Santa Clarita that has enabled the city to purchase over 8,000 acres of open space, including the Las Lomas area. I've led the local Sierra Club fight to stop the huge CEMEX mine adjacent to our city, and been involved in many other issues, including the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign, Stop the Chiquita Landfill and Stop the Aliso Canyon gas facility. Currently the Santa Clarita Group Chair, I've held most local positions: open space/wildlands, hospitality, co-membership, programs, political chair, outings leader, vice chair, and delegate to the Chapter Executive Committee. My Angeles Chapter involvement is varied, currently serving as the Conservation Grants Chair and Angeles delegate to the California Nevada Regional Conservation Committee, where I'm the Southern Vice Chair. I'm also on the State Political Committee and the National Wildlands Team. I currently serve on the City's Open Space Accountability and Audit Panel and am a member of the local Citizen's Advisory Group for the Whitaker-Bermite toxic cleanup site. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to continue my activism with the Sierra Club.

## Ken Kerner

I have been a Sierra Club member since 1993, am an "O" rated outings leader, and have led numerous hikes and ski tours. I have been politically and recreationally active with the Santa Clarita Group for many years and have been a member of the group's ExComm for a number of years. I am currently the Treasurer for the Santa Clarita Group.

#### Stacy Fortner

I am an IT executive and 19 year resident of SCV, running for this office because I am concerned about our local environment, the Santa Clara River, our water supply, Newhall Ranch, CEMEX, the Chiquita Canyon landfill, and many other issues affecting our Valley. I am a dedicated champion for environmental justice, and played a critical role in the fight against the Chiquita Canyon Landfill and the effort to prevent a local water monopoly. Because of my interest in water, I ran twice run to represent the community's interest on the Castaic Lake Water Agency, and received Sierra Club endorsement in both elections.

I am a very well respected political activist and look forward to helping in that area. As a newer Sierra Club member, I am excited about the idea of being more involved with the local group and adding my voice to local Sierra Club issues. I have removed several commitments from my schedule to focus more on this group, and I will be a regular champion in this valley. I ask for your vote so that I can put my new

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ideas into action for our local group. I am the wife of Mike Foerster (Fargo, ND) and mother of Melainey Jane, both of whom embrace and support my activism.

### **Ray Lorme**

I would like to continue my service. As a founding member of the SCV Group and having served as vice chair, treasurer, and outings chair I see the importance of introducing members and non members to the open spaces in and around our valley. This encourages people to join and hopefully participate in our local issues.

#### **Bonnie Eaton**

I've had a passion for the environment ever since I was a small child. The stream I swam in as a young girl in Ohio was polluted and I wanted it cleaned up. As I've grown older, I've become more involved in environmental causes. I've been a part of the Sierra Club Victory Corps, walking precincts, phonebanking, assisting with paper work and I assisted with the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument letter writing campaign. I also provided testimony in the effort to defeat the Chiquita Canyon Landfill expansion. The environment continues to be an ongoing passion and I believe I could be an asset to the Sierra Club. I have the time and will work to help the Santa Clarita Group expand our membership and develop an effective team to meet our objectives.