# 2017 Candidates for West Los Angeles Group Executive Committee 5 Candidates (Listed in random ballot order) 5 Open Positions

#### **Melanie Berringer**

I've been serving as the West Los Angeles Group's eNewsletter editor since February, 2017. Every month, we reach out to 7,000 Sierra Club members and supporters living on the westside with news, events, and upbeat stories about environmental victories. I have a degree in politics from UC Santa Cruz and a Masters in Public Administration from CU Denver. I enjoy exploring hiking trails in the LA area and California. My favorite place to go camping is Joshua Tree.

#### **Marta Polovin**

I have lived in the Westside for almost eight years; I studied Human Biology and Society and minored in Urban Planning at UCLA and now work for a land use law firm in Santa Monica. I plan on attending graduate school in Public Health/Environmental Sciences in fall of 2018. As an avid hiker and explorer since childhood, I am passionate about the outdoors and conservation. Given the trauma of recent elections, I have vowed to serve my community and to protect my local environment. I want to be a part of the grassroots movement to ensure that policy promotes environmental justice for healthier communities. I am currently involved with the West LA Social Media Team and the Central ReOrg Committee - and I would be honored to strengthen my commitment to the West LA Sierra Club by serving on the Executive Committee.

## **Art Antolick**

Certified public accountant and Sierra Club member of 40 years. Treasurer for the West Los Angeles Group and current Management Committee member. Has previously served as the Management Committee Chair and many other positions. Past member of the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee.

## **David Haake**

I am a life member of the Sierra Club and have served as Chair of the West Los Angeles Group since 2011. As a graduate of the Sierra Club's Wilderness Travel Course, I enjoy backpacking and bird-watching and co-lead the West LA Group's weekly hike to the Parker Mesa Overlook. I am proud of the West LA group's outreach efforts over the past few years through its SierraWest.us website, eNewsletter, and social media. My goals are to build the Sierra Club's impact on efforts to make West LA a more healthy, livable, and sustainable community.

## **Paul Cooley**

I am an attorney and retired systems engineer, and a long-time life member of the Sierra Club. I'm also a member of the Desert Peaks section of the chapter, a trail runner and an ardent conservationist. I would welcome your vote to continue as one of your West LA Executive Committee members.