

# Sierra Sage



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November 1 through December 31, 2012

## **You are invited to join us at our bi-monthly meeting:**

We will discuss environmental issues and conservation issues current to Orange County Residents as well as discuss the various hikes and other activities being presented in Orange County in the near future.

### **PROGRAM: New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment**

The fabulous and colorful Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, the historic towns of Albuquerque; Santa Fe, and Taos; the native American pueblos of Taos and Acoma; the incredible Chaco Canyon and its many pueblo ruins; as well as the Bandelier, Kasha Kitwe Tent Rocks, and the Petroglyph National Monuments for your viewing pleasure. Presented by Mike and Patty Sappingfield, who led a Sierra Sage trip to these areas last year.

**WHERE:** Norman Murray Community and Senior Center  
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

**WHEN:** 7:00 PM, November 27, 2012

**ROOM:** Juniper Room  
Refreshments Provided.

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

**Northbound** on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn right onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway and proceed over Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking lot.

**Southbound** on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn left onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Park way and Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot



## SAN ONOFRE: CLASHING VIEWS ON REPAIR COSTS, RESTART

On October 9 the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a 3-hour public meeting in Dana Point (South Orange County). The evening event drew a standing-room-only attendance of 500 – 600. A roundtable of environmentalists, nuclear energy industry representatives, union leaders and concerned citizens offered opening statements and responded to questions from the audience.

The meeting's central focus was whether to attempt a restart of Unit 2 at the San Onofre nuclear power plant in North San Diego County. San Onofre has been shut down since January after extensive and unexpected wear on piping in the plant's steam generator system caused a leak of radioactive steam.

A few days before the meeting, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed with the NRC a 1,000-page report based on an eight-month analysis of the problem. SCE's hope is that the NRC will agree to a restart of Unit 2 for a five-month test at 70% power, which the utility argues will optimize electricity production while avoiding stress levels that damaged the piping. Unit 3 at San Onofre has more extensive repair requirements and is not proposed by SCE for restart.

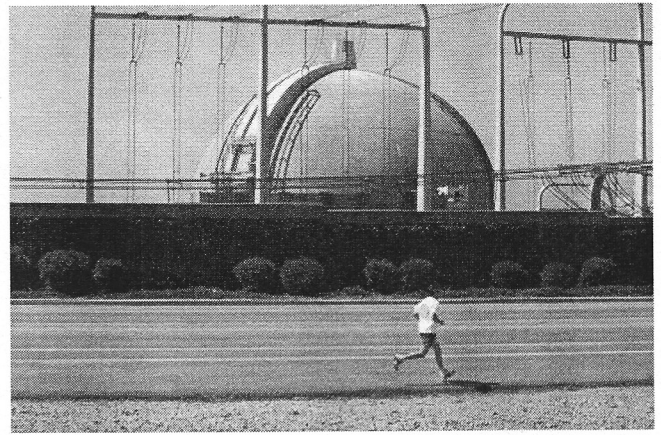
NRC's District 4 Administrator Elmo Collins, lead spokesperson for the agency at the meeting, told attendees it would take NRC staff months to review SCE's analysis. This confirms a similar statement regarding timeframe

made on September 12 by NRC Chair Allison Macfarlane.

Collins and Macfarlane have stated that NRC will not authorize restart unless safety concerns are satisfied. But environmental representatives on the roundtable expressed reservations about a decision based on NRC internal review and called for an alternative process known as an Adjudicatory Hearing and License Amendment. This process would include evidentiary hearings with sworn testimony and cross-examination by experts independent of the NRC, utilities and the nuclear power industry.

If such a process were used, those in favor of a San Onofre restart would likely argue that the problem is not related to the plant's nuclear power system and is technically fixable, that the proposed test levels are within safe limits of both time and intensity, and that San Onofre's 2000 megawatt capability cannot quickly be replaced within the regional power grid.

Opponents would likely counter that San Onofre's age makes it a candidate for shutdown rather than repair, that its location at the water's edge makes the plant vulnerable to



tsunamis and the earthquakes that cause them, and that the 8 million people who live within 50 miles of the plant (9 times the population density of Fukushima) could be impossible to evacuate in an emergency.

A related issue is who pays to keep the plant in standby condition and who would pay for repairs. For more than eight months, ratepayers for SCE and its San Onofre partner San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) have been paying \$54 million a month – an average of \$10 per household – for a plant that delivers no electricity yet is staffed by hundreds of workers.

The steam generator problem arose from an untested design developed by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and bought by SCE for San Onofre at a cost of \$671 million. Stress testing in advance of operating the system relied on computer modeling that proved defective. SCE failed to anticipate such problems when it signed a contract with Mitsubishi limiting the manufacturer's liability to \$137 million.

If the crowd response on October 9 was indicative, there appears to be a groundswell of sentiment that SCE and SDG&E shareholders, not their customers, should bear the cost for repairs and maintaining the plant's stand-by status.

On October 25, the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will meet in Irvine (Orange County). At that time the PUC will face a state law requiring it to launch an in-

vestigation into San Onofre's ten-month shutdown and to review the question of "who pays" for a non-producing power plant. Complex scenarios could result, including possible ratepayer rebates in 2013.

Realistically, if the PUC calls a halt to the \$54 million per month ratepayer subsidy, it will confront San Onofre's operators with the question of whether to wait months for the NRC's decision in hopes of attempting a repair or whether, as most environmentalists believe, the current situation gives timely warning that the hour has arrived for a San Onofre shut-down.

**ADVANCE NOTICE  
FUTURE TRAVEL ADVENTURES  
SPONSORED BY SIERRA SAGE**

**ARCHES AND CANYONLANDS  
April 28--May 5, 2013**

Come with us on our 8 day, 7 night fly-drive excursion to eastern Utah to explore and enjoy two of the most unusual and interesting National Parks: Arches National Park with over 2000 arches ranging from a few feet in size to several hundred feet and Canyonlands National Park with the deep canyons of the Green River and the Colorado River as they join to form the majestic Colorado we all know and love.

We will fly into Grand Junction, Co and then drive in vans to Moab, Utah. We will use a local motel in Moab for our base for the entire trip with day trips into one or the other National Parks each day. Trip cost is \$1250 with



SC#, \$1350 non-member and includes lodging (double occupancy) and transportation to and from Grand Junction and each day while in Utah. All park admissions are also included. Breakfasts and three lunches will be provided. All other meals and airfare to and from Grand Junction are not included. For copies of the itinerary and application forms, please contact Mike Sappingfield (mikesapp@cox.net) or send 2 SASEs to Mike at 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. \$500 deposit will hold a reservation with the remainder due by March 1, 2013. (Private accommodations extra) Leaders: Mike Sappingfield and Sylvia Stevenson.

**OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK AND  
VICTORIA, B.C.  
July 20 - 28, 2013**

Join us for a 8 day, 7 night excursion to explore the wonders of the Pacific Northwest's fabulous Olympic National Park and complete the trip with a ferry ride to Victoria with opportunities to sample the delights of the City and explore Bouchart Gardens. We will return to Seattle to catch our flight home by taking



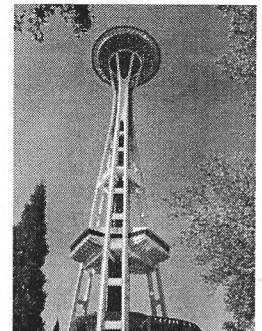
a ferry winding through the San Juan Islands. Lodging, admissions, and transportation while on the trip included. Air fare to and from Seattle and most meals not included.

Cost for the trip is \$1195 for Sierra Club members (\$1250 for non-members). To reserve a spot, send a \$500 deposit (check made out to Sierra Club--Sierra Sage) to Mike Sappingfield, 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. For information, call or email Mike at

949-768-3610 or mikesapp@cox.net. Leaders: Mary Morales, Mike & Patty Sappingfield

**SEATTLE GETAWAY.  
July 18—20, 2013**

Join us for a 3 day, 2 night exploration of the wonders of the City of Seattle, Mt Rainier, and Mt. St. Helens. This can be taken in conjunction with the June 20-27 Olympic National Park and Victoria Excursion or as a separate trip. Lodging for 2 nights, transportation while on the Getaway, admissions, and breakfasts are included. Air Fare to and from Seattle and most meals are not included. To reserve a place, send \$395 for Sierra Club members (\$425 for non-members) to Mike Sappingfield a 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. **Special Offer: Sierra Club members who enroll in both the Seattle Getaway and the Olympic National Park and Victoria BC trips will qualify for a \$50 discount for the Seattle Getaway (i.e., trip cost will be \$345).** For information, call or email Mike at 949-768-3610 or mikesapp@cox.net. Leaders: Mary Morales, Mike & Patty Sappingfield



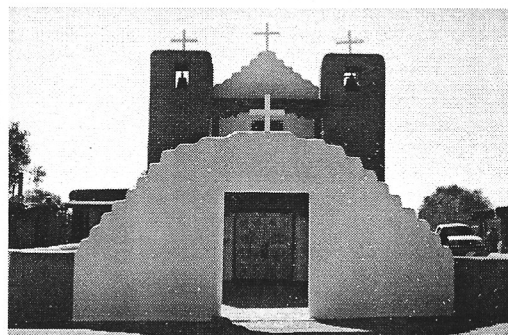
**NEW MEXICO ADVENTURE  
October 12-19, 2013**

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, Santa Fe, Taos and Taos Pueblo, Acoma Sky Pueblo, Chaco Canyon, Los Alamos, and Bandelier National Monument are just

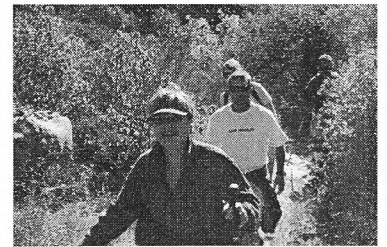
some of the many attractions on this fun filled exploration of the "Land of Enchantment". \$1195 for Sierra Club members (\$1250 for non-members). The trip includes lodging (double occupancy) for 7 nights; Admission fees for



Balloon Festival, National Park and Monuments visits, Taos and Acoma Pueblo visits, and museum admissions for scheduled visits; breakfasts, two lunches, and several happy hours; and all transportation while in New Mexico. Most meals, and transportation to and from New Mexico not included. For information, contact Mike Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net, or phone 949-768-3610. A \$500 deposit will reserve your place on the trip with remainder due July 1, 2013. Mail reservation request and \$500 deposit, payable to Sierra Sage--Sierra Club, and 2 SASE, to Mike Sappingfield at 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, California 92691. Leaders: Mary Morales, Mike & Patty Sappingfield



# Outings



**Saturday, November 03, 2012 8:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Holy Jim Falls**

4 Miles round trip, moderately paced hike through a shady canyon to a local waterfall. Meet at dirt parking area south of bridge where Trabuco Canyon crosses Trabuco Creek. We will car pool to trail head. FSP required at trail head. Bring water, munchies, mosquito repellent. Rain cancels.

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*Michael Metcalf 949-492-6277 msmetcalf@cox.net*

**Sunday, November 04, 2012 9:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**Crystal Cove Provisional Hike**

4 miles, 100' gain, Enjoy an autumn walk along the beach. We will walk along the bluff to Pelican Point, then head down the path to walk back along the beach to the cottages and tide pools. There will be an optional lunch at Ruby's Shake Shack. Meet at 9:30 AM on the east(inland) side of PCH in the parking lot at Los Trancos. Wear comfortable walking shoes. There might be some rocky beach to traverse. Bring water, hat, sunscreen and money for parking and lunch. Rain cancels. Also Sponsored by Sierra Singles Section

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*Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mike-sapp@cox.net*

**Wednesday, November 07, 2012 7:30 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Icehouse Canyon:**

8 mi, 2600' gain in the San Gabriel Mountains along a mountain stream and up through pines to the saddle. Meet 7:30 am at the Tustin Rideshare (Stater Bros. Redhill Ave., one block S of I-5). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Ldr: John Kaiser. Asst: Dea Denton.

*John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com*

*Delores Denton 949-581-8396 deadenton@hotmail.com*

**Saturday, November 10, 2012 to Sunday, November 11, 2012**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O/I: San Jacinto Backpack**

8.6 miles round trip, 1680' gain/loss. Join us on this autumn backpack from the Palm Springs aerial tram-

way mountain station (8420') to Law's camp (7420').

The hike is rated "O" if no snow but "I" if snow is present. If snow is present, the trip will be on snowshoes. Possible side hike to Caramba Overlook (4 miles round trip). Return next day same way. Requires backpacking experience. Tramway cost is about \$22 round trip. Number of participants limited by permit. Leaders to provide wilderness permit. Contact leaders for more information.

*Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com*

*Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com*

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012 9:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Whiting Ranch, Live Oak to Sleepy Hollow**

5 mi rt, 400' gain on a moderately paced walk through shady oaks and sycamores in Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. Meet 9:00 am at the secondary Ranch parking lot on Glenn Ranch Rd, ¼ mi E of Portola in Lake Forest. Bring \$3 for parking, plus water, camera, munchies, lugsoles, and hat. Rain cancels

*Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mike-sapp@cox.net*

*Judith E Mulry 949-588-1347 judymulry@aol.com*

**Saturday, November 17, 2012 8:45 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Trabuco Ridge and Helicopter Hill**

4 mi loop, 900' gain. A series of San Juan Capistrano trails between Rancho Viejo Road and Mission Viejo borderline, with amazing views of wilderness and urban scenes from several steep hills. Meet 8:45 am, Park&Ride lot at Junipero Sierra Rd and Rancho Viejo Rd, 1 block E of I-5 Fwy in San Juan. (NOT the South OC Rideshare). Bring water, hat, snack, comfortable shoes. Rain cancels.

*Chester Stipe 949-363-1142 chetbar@cox.net*

*Don Clarence 949-709-2967 don-clarence@hotmail.com*

**Wednesday, November 21, 2012 8:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Trabuco Horsethief Loop**

Strenuous 10 mi, 2700' gain/loss. We'll ascend Trabuco Cyn (often with nice shade) to the Main divide Rd. There we'll enjoy good views as we follow the up-and-down ridgeline to the Coulter pines at the top of West Horsethief, then steeply switchback down to the junction with the Trabuco Cyn trail for our return. Meet

8:00 am in the dirt parking area at the beginning of Trabuco Cyn (dirt) Rd (take Live Oak Cyn Rd to Trabuco Cyn Rd; L onto dirt road right after crossing Trabuco Creek). Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels.

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*Helen Maurer 949-768-0417 7gables@cox.net*

**Saturday, November 24, 2012 8:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: San Juan Hot Springs to Lucas Canyon**

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving weekend hike of 9 miles, 1800' gain. We will climb steeply on the Sitton TT from the Hot Springs area of Casper Wilderness Park before descending into Lucas Canyon in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness for lunch among the oaks. Crossings of San Juan and Hot Springs creeks required. Return via same route. For those interested we will make a short side trip to the Hot Springs on the return. Meet 8 am at south OC rideshare (Ortega Plaza at Rancho Viejo Rd & Ortega Hwy, 1 block east of I-5 in San Juan Capistrano). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain or critical fire danger cancels.

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*Delores Denton 949-581-8396 deadenton@hotmail.com*

**Wednesday, November 28, 2012 8:30 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Hike the Cerro Rebal Loop:**

6 mi, 800' gain/loss loop. Please join us for our 4th annual Cerro Rebal hike in the hills between San Juan and San Clemente. Our route begins at the trail-head on Via Cerro Rebal in San Juan and meanders through the hills above San Juan and San Clemente. We will have a fair amount of elevation gain which is steep in a few places. We also have great views in all directions, both mountains and sea in places. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels.

There are no restrooms on this hike.

*Bob Hansen 949-586-4928 awildtrout@gmail.com*

*Peter R Height 949-713-4569 prheight1@cox.net*

. Bring 2 qts water, lugsoles, munchies, sunscreen, hat. Rain cancels *Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net*

*Judith E Mulry 949-588-1347 judymulry@aol.com*

**Saturday, December 01, 2012 9:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Top of the World to Wood Canyon**

Hike through the Laguna Beach Greenbelt to Wood Canyon in Aliso /Wood Cyns. Wilderness Park. Lunch at Dripping Cave. Meet at Alta Laguna Park in Top of the World, Laguna Beach. Bring lunch, 2 qts. water, and lug shoes. Rain within 3 days cancels.

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**Sunday, December 02, 2012 8:30 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Laurel Cyn Loop**

6 mi loop, 1000' gain. Hike up Laurel Canyon to Serrano Ridge, then down on Camarillo Canyon, and return on Stagecoach Laurel Trail. Meet 8:30 am, Laguna Coast Wilderness Visitors Center parking (\$3) on Laguna Canyon Road, just South of El Toro Road junction. Bring water, lugsoles, snack, jacket, hat.

Rain cancels. *Chester Stipe 949-363-1142 chetbar@cox.net*

*Ron Schrantz 714-995-8240 rschranz@yahoo.com*

**Sunday, December 09, 2012 8:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Morgan Trail**

Join us as we hike the Morgan Trail from the Candy Store on Ortega Highway (highway 74) to the Main Divide, and back, through scenic groves of oaks and sycamores in upper Morrel Canyon. This is a 10 miles round-trip hike, with 1000' gain. Lunch at mid-point at the Main Divide. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lugsole shoes, hat, sunscreen, jacket. USFS parking pass required at trail head. Rain cancels. Meet at 8:00 AM at the South Orange County rideshare in San Juan Capistrano.

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**Saturday, December 15, 2012 8:00 AM**

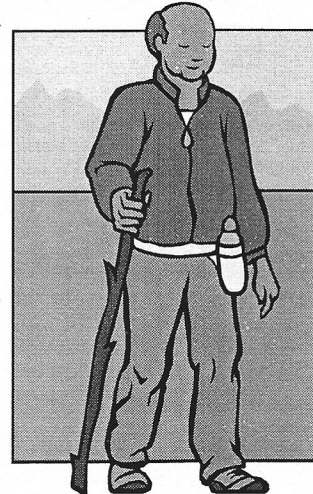
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Hike the Bear Canyon Loop**

6.5 mi, 1300 gain. Hike from the candy store on Ortega hwy up to the Bear Ridge trail to Four Corners, then return via Bear Canyon trail. Enjoy the spring wildflowers among the chaparral on a high plateau in the Santa Ana Mtns. Meet 8 am at the South OC Ride-share (Ortega Plaza at Rancho Viejo Rd & Ortega Hwy, 1 blk east of I-5). We will carpool to the Candy Store Trail-head Parking Area. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, hat, and sun-screen. Cameras optional. FSP required if parking at trail-head. *Bob Hansen 949-586-4928 awild-*

*trout@gmail.com*

*Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net*



**Wednesday, December 19, 2012 9:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Caspers Park , West Ridge and Cougar Pass Loop**

6.5 mi, 600' gain. Scenic walk through oak groves, up to West Ridge, down through Bell Canyon to the Oso Trail and Cougar Pass and return via cougar Pass to Live Oak Trail. Meet 9:00 am at South Orange County rideshare point to arrange carpools to Caspers Park. Bring 2 qts water, lugsoles, munchies, sunscreen, hat. Rain cancels *Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net*  
*Judith E Mulry 949-588-1347 judymulry@aol.com*

**Saturday, December 22, 2012 5:30 PM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Newport Boat Parade, Christmas Outing**

Join us for an evening of fun as we watch the Boat Parade in Newport Beach and view the decorated houses on Balboa Island, followed by an optional moderately priced dinner. 5 miles round trip, 200' gain at a slower hiking pace. Meet 5:30 PM outside the south entrance of Macy's by the bells at Fashion Island mall in Newport Beach. If unfamiliar with area, please allow plenty of time to locate the meeting point. Rain or shine; bring raingear if needed. Bring money for meal/snacks/coffee. Sturdy walking shoes required.

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*Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com*

**Sunday, January 06, 2013 8:30 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Cristianitos South**

4 mi, 650' loss. Car shuttle. Trail starts in San Clemente area next to Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy, then into North area of San Onofre State Park. Moderate terrain, beautiful views into open space rolling hills. Meet 8:30 am at South OC Rideshare, or 9 am at end of Ave La Plata in San Clemente (from I-5, E on Pico, R on La Plata to end). Bring water, lugsoles, hat. Rain cancels.

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*Sylvia Stevenson 949-487-2660 sylvia\_stevenson@yahoo.com*

**Saturday, January 12, 2013 9:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**I: Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness snowshoe**

Snowshoe dayhike approximately 6 miles rt, 700' gain (final route subject to weather and snow conditions). Must have prior snowshoe experience. Start at Palm Springs Tramway Mountain Station (8400'). Hike south through Long Valley toward Hidden Lake area, then west toward Round Valley (9100'). Explore Tamarac Valley, time permitting. Return to Palm

Springs Mountain Station in the afternoon. Group size limited by permit. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, snowshoes, warm clothing, hat, sunglasses. Inclement weather does not cancel. Meet at 7:00 AM at the north Orange County rideshare or at 9:00 AM in the dayuse parking lot of the Tramway station in Palm Springs. Contact leaders for more information.  
*Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com*  
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**Sunday, January 13, 2013 3:15 PM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Crystal Cove Sunset Walk**

A "Mike's Hike" of 4 miles round trip, 100' gain, beach walk in late afternoon until sunset. Meet at 3:15 pm at the North parking lot. Enter Crystal Cove State Park opposite Newport Coast Drive, turn right after entrance booth (\$15) and continue to farthest North parking area. Bring water, camera. Rain cancels.  
*Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net*

*John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com*

**OCSS CONDITIONING HIKES  
EVERY TUES/THUR @ 6:30 PM**

**O: IRVINE TURTLE ROCK.** Easy/Moderate/Tiger paced hikes, 4-7 mi rt on hilly trails. Bring Water, light hiking boots. 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffery, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park, Ldrs, John LaRue, Markey and Robert Neighbors, Kim Gunderman, Ron Campbell, Gigi Logan, and others.

**RIDESHARE MEETING POINTS**

**N Orange Co...** Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av just S of Lincoln Av, Orange.

**S Orange Co...** Ortega Plaza parking lot SE corner, Ortega Hwy/Rancho Viejo, San Juan Capistrano

**Tustin ...** Redhill Ave on N side (Fwy side) of Stater Bros Market just SW of Redhill Ave exit from Santa Ana Fwy

**HOW TO FIND OUTINGS ON THE ANGELES CHAPTER WEB SITE!**

Access the Chapter Web Site by using the url:

**[www.angeles.sierraclub.org](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org);**

Click on **GET OUTDOORS**; then click on **FIND A HIKE/TRIP/EVENT**

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### HELP NEEDED!

**Sierra Sage Executive Committee Meetings.**  
(normally on the first Thursday of each month. Open to all Sierra Club Members. Call Duana Miller for location, time and agenda.

**Sierra Sage Conservation Committee** contact Glenn Pascall for information

**Orange County Political Committee.** (Normally on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Call Sharon Koch for location, time, and agenda)

**Orange County Global Warming Committee**  
Meets monthly in the community room at the REI Store in Tustin (I-5 and Jamboree) on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 pm. Call Chuck Buck at 949-240-8224 for agenda.

**San Onofre Task Force** Contact Glenn Pascall for information

We are always looking for members to volunteer to help out in various ways. So of the opportunities to get involved are:

1. We are creating an effort to go to each of the various media offices to introduce ourselves and begin to create a relationship with the editors so that our outings, meetings, and events will get better publicity. We would like to put together teams of two people to make the visits. We have a few already and would really appreciate more volunteers. It will be fun, as well as useful. Contact Mike Sappingfield to help
2. A hospitality chair to coordinate the refreshments at the various meetings would be of great value. Contact Patty Sappingfield for more information and to help.
3. Assistant Membership Chair — will work with the current Membership Chair to contact new and prospective members to provide information and to answer their questions as well as assist them to join the Sierra Club.

#### INTERNET ADDRESSES:

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**Saturday, December 22, 2012 5:30 PM  
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing  
O: Newport Boat Parade, Christmas Outing**

Join us for an evening of fun as we watch the Boat Parade in Newport Beach and view the decorated houses on Balboa Island, followed by an optional moderately priced dinner. 5 miles round trip, 200' gain at a slower hiking pace. Meet 5:30 PM outside the south entrance of Macy's by the bells at Fashion Island mall in Newport Beach. If unfamiliar with area, please allow plenty of time to locate the meeting point. Rain or shine; bring raingear if needed. Bring money for meal/snacks/coffee. Sturdy walking shoes required.

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