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: Why Your Vote Matters – Even if you are voting for Dogcatcher.

The protection of the environment is a non-partisan issue that can be affected by elected representatives at all levels of government. Water Districts, School and Community College Districts, City Councils, County Boards, State Government and the Federal Government all have an impact on our quality of life. Our September meeting will feature a discussion of how the different levels of government directly affect the sustainability of our lifestyles. Learn how a decision by a water board can make a difference in the quality of your water, how a city council or county board can make an impact on your daily life, or what steps can be taken by your state or federal representative to protect public lands, ensure air and water quality standards are met.

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

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Sept 25, 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.
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Honor family and friends with an Angeles Chapter Cheers or Tears Card, a thoughtful gift for any occasion, happy or sad. We send a card directly to your honoree with your personalized message.

URL: http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageNavigator/AngelesTributeRequest.html

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URL: http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/join_donate/donate_car

Contributions to the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter are not tax-deductible; they support our effective, citizen-based advocacy and lobbying efforts.

San Onofre Task Force Formed

At its August meeting, the Sierra Sage Group Executive Committee approved establishment of a Sierra Club Task Force to keep the public informed regarding the status of the shutdown of all the reactors at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and the status of the tests and other investigations being conducted by the staff of Southern California Edison, and the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Glenn Pascall has been named as the chair of the task force. Members wishing to serve on the task force should contact Glenn at gpascall@att.net

We have been informed that the latest public presentation by the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been postponed in order to locate a larger meeting space to accommodate all of the interested people in South Orange County. More to follow.

Do you know anyone who is new to the Sierra Club?

Our January 22nd Meeting theme will be introducing new members and prospective new members to the Sierra Club. If you have friends who might be interested in learning more about the Sierra Club, this might be the best meeting to invite them to come with you.

In addition to providing lots of information, we plan to invite participants to bring some Chili made from their best recipe to share and be judged. The best Chili will win prizes.

Prospective members will have an opportunity to join the Sierra Club at a special introductory membership rate and get a free gift. Other door prizes will be given via a drawing.
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.
SEP 02 SUN  SIERRA SAGE, EASY HIKERS
O: HOLY JIM FALLS: A “Mike's Hike”. 4 mi rt. 200’ gain. Join us for a moderately paced hike through a shady canyon to a local waterfall. Who knows, there might even be water this late. Meet 8 am at dirt parking area south of bridge where Plano Trabuco/Live Oak Canyon Road crosses Trabuco Creek in Trabuco Canyon. We will carpool in to the trailhead. FSP required at trailhead if you drive your own vehicle beyond the meeting place. Rain cancels. Bring water, munchies, hat, mosquito repellant, and sunscreen. Ldr: Mike Sappingfield. Asst: Duana Miller

SEP 19  WED  ORANGE COUNTY
O: Salt Creek Corridor to Dana Point: 6 mi, 200’ gain. Amble down Salt Creek on the bike trail to the beach, then up to Dana Point Headlands on the new trail, through a residential area to descend to Dana Point Harbor and optional lunch. Bus return. Bring water, snack if desired, bus fare. Meet 9:00 am at Chapparosa Park, Laguna Niguel. From Crown Valley Pkwy, S on Golden Lantern, R on Chapparosa to Park at end. Ldr: Sid Alpert. Asst: Judy Mulry

SEP 15  SAT  SIERRA SAGE

SEP 22  SAT  SIERRA SAGE
O: THUNDER (8587’), TELEGRAPH (8985’), AND TIMBER (8303’) MOUNTAINS: 10.2 mi rt, 2000’ gain. Join us as we hike the “3 Ts”. We meet/start at the Mount Baldy ski lift area (6320’), take the chair lift up to the Baldy Notch (7840’), then hike the three Ts. From Timber Mountain, we will return the same way. If chair lift is not working, it will add an additional 1500’ gain. Not a beginner hike. Must be comfortable hiking long distances at altitude. Strenuous all-day hike with possible spectacular views of the mountains. Meet 8 am at the parking lot of the lift station. Bring hat, jacket, sunscreen, lunch, 3-4 qts water, 10 essentials, $ for lift (approximately $20). Rain and/or park closure cancels. Ldrs: Todd Clark, Sylvie Côté.

SEP 26 WED  ORANGE COUNTY
O: Colinas Ridge: 5.5 mi, 400’ gain. Short steep trail sections with good views, as we hike NORTH along Colinas Ridge bordering Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano. Meet 9:00 am at Dog Park next to the fire station on Golden Lantern St, ca 2 mi S of Crown Valley Bl in Laguna Niguel. Bring water, lugsoles, hat. Rain cancels. Ldr: Chet Stipe. Asst: Gail Roy

Wednesday, October 03, 2012 8:00 AM
Orange County Group & Sierra Sage Group
O: Joplin Trail/Old Camp
Strenuous 8 mi, 2200’ gain. An extended climb with 2 very steep ascents brings us to the Santiago/Joplin Trail, where the grade moderates until we reach the leafy shade of Old Camp. Expect tremendous views. Meet 8:00 am where Trabuco Creek crosses Trabuco Cyn Rd in Rancho Santa Margarita (take Live Oak Cyn Rd to Trabuco Cyn Rd). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Leaders: John Kaiser, Pete Height

OCT 07  SUN  SIERRA SAGE
O: TRABUCO RIDGE & 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. Ldr: Chet Stipe. Asst: Don Clarencce. C E hiking
Wednesday, October 10, 2012 8:30 AM  
Orange County Group  
O: Laurel Canyon Stagecoach Loop  
5 mi, 1000’ gain. Hike up Laurel Cyn to Serrano Ridge, then downhill and return on newly-opened trail. Meet 8:30 am, Laguna Coast Wilderness Willow entrance (NOT Nix) on Laguna Cyn Rd, just S of El Toro Rd junction. Bring water, lugsoles, $3 for parking, maybe a snack. Rain cancels. 
Ed Maurer 949-768-0417 balois@cox.net  
Helen Maurer 949-768-0417 7gables@cox.net

Saturday, November 03, 2012 8:00 AM  
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing  
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. 
Russ Brown 949-481-5295 russbrown3@cox.net  
Michael Metcalf 949-492-6277 msmetcalf@cox.net

OCT 20 SAT SIERRA SAGE  
O: ALISO PEAK TO BADLANDS: 6.5 mi, 1000’ gain. Join us as we hike the Valido Trail to Aliso Peak (683’), continuing up to the overlook (936’). We will then proceed down the Seaview Trail to Badlands Park and the Badlands Trail to the overlook and return. Somewhat strenuous hike with spectacular views of the ocean. Stop for snack in Badlands Park. Bring hat, light jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen, snack, 2 qts water. Rain cancels. Meet 9 am at the trailhead. From PCH in South Laguna, turn on West Street, drive up to Via Valido and turn L to the trailhead. Ldrs: Sylvie Côté, Todd Clark.

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 9:00 AM  
Orange County Group & Sierra Sage  
O: O Neill/Ramakrishna  
7 mi, 600’ gain. We will hike thru O’Neill Park with a visit to Ramakrishna Monastery. Meet 9:00 am Altisima Park with water, lugsoles. Go E on El Toro Rd to Marguerite Pkwy, turn R, then one block to Los Alisos, turn L. Follow Los Alisos E past the 241 Toll Rd to the first light at the top of the hill. Then L into the entrance to Altisima Park. Rain cancels. Ldr: Pete Height. Asst: Dea Denton.  
Delores Denton 949-581-8396 deadenton@hotmail.com  
Peter R Height 949-713-4569 prheight1@cox.net

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 tramway 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  
clarktk@hotmail.com  
Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com

OCT 21 SUN SIERRA SAGE. EASY HIKE  
O: DONNA O’NEILL LAND CONSERVANCY: 5 mi, 200’ gain. Longer than usual hike in one of the most beautiful areas in S Orange County. Children 5 yrs and old with parent welcome. Rain cancels. Meet 8:30 am at South Orange County rideshare. Donation to DOLNC: $10-adults; $5-children, to support the work of the Conservancy. Ldr: Duana Miller. Asst: Mike Sappingfield.

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 Juniper 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. Ldr: Chet Stipe. Asst: Don Clarence.  
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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

Special Request from
Paul Densmore

Help! The wife can’t go on a planned trip to Chaco
Canyon and Canyon De Chelly in October. Join me so
I don’t have to abandon the trip. I live in Mission
Viejo. Retired, only modest hiker, love rocks, star gaz-
ing, will be pulling a small popup tent trailer with 2X4
Explorer. Going the week of Oct. 08. Contact:
pauldensmore@hotmail.com, (949) 859-2124.

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Outings Leadership Training

Next Training Seminar October 5, 2012 in Pasadena

To be an leader for any Angeles Chapter sponsored
Outing, you must be certified. The requirements
for the “O” level (the entry level) certification are:

1. Current Sierra Club membership
2. Participation on five Sierra Club trips or hikes
3. Passing an open-book pre-seminar exam from
   the Leader’s Reference Book (LRB)
4. Attendance at an all-day LTP seminar
5. Completion of Red Cross Standard/Basic First
   Aid plus Adult CPR or equivalent training
6. Satisfactory completion of a provisional outing
   NOTE: These requirements, except for the pre-
   seminar exam, do not need to be completed before
   the seminar.

YES! Enroll me! My check for $25.00 (includes LRB)
payable to “Sierra Club” is enclosed.

Mail to: Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thorn-
wood Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 Phone:
714-321-1296

Check the session you desire:
___ Fall (Pasadena) Oct. 6, 2012
___ Spring (TBA), April 2013

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### 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
(See page 2)
Contact Glenn Pascall for information

### INTERNET ADDRESSES:

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### HELP NEEDED!
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.
Subscribers….Check the “Last Issue” date on your label and renew early.
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FEATURED “HIKE OF THE MONTH”

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
C. RICHARD & DONNA O’NEILL LAND CONSERVANCY EASY HIKE. This 5 mile jaunt on part of the Reserve at the Rancho Mission Viejo is in of the most beautiful areas in S Orange County. Set aside many years ago by the Ranch, it is well worth it. Children 5 yrs and old with parent welcome. Enjoy the views, wildflowers, massive 400 yr old Oak trees, etc. in this spectacular reserve in South Orange County. Rain cancels.

Meet 8:30 am at South Orange County rideshare. Donation to DONLC: $10-adults; $5-children, to support the work of the Conservancy. Ldr: Duana Miller. Asst: Mike Sappingfield.

Join the Sierra Club
Yes, I want to join! I want to help safeguard our nation’s precious natural heritage. My check is enclosed.

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